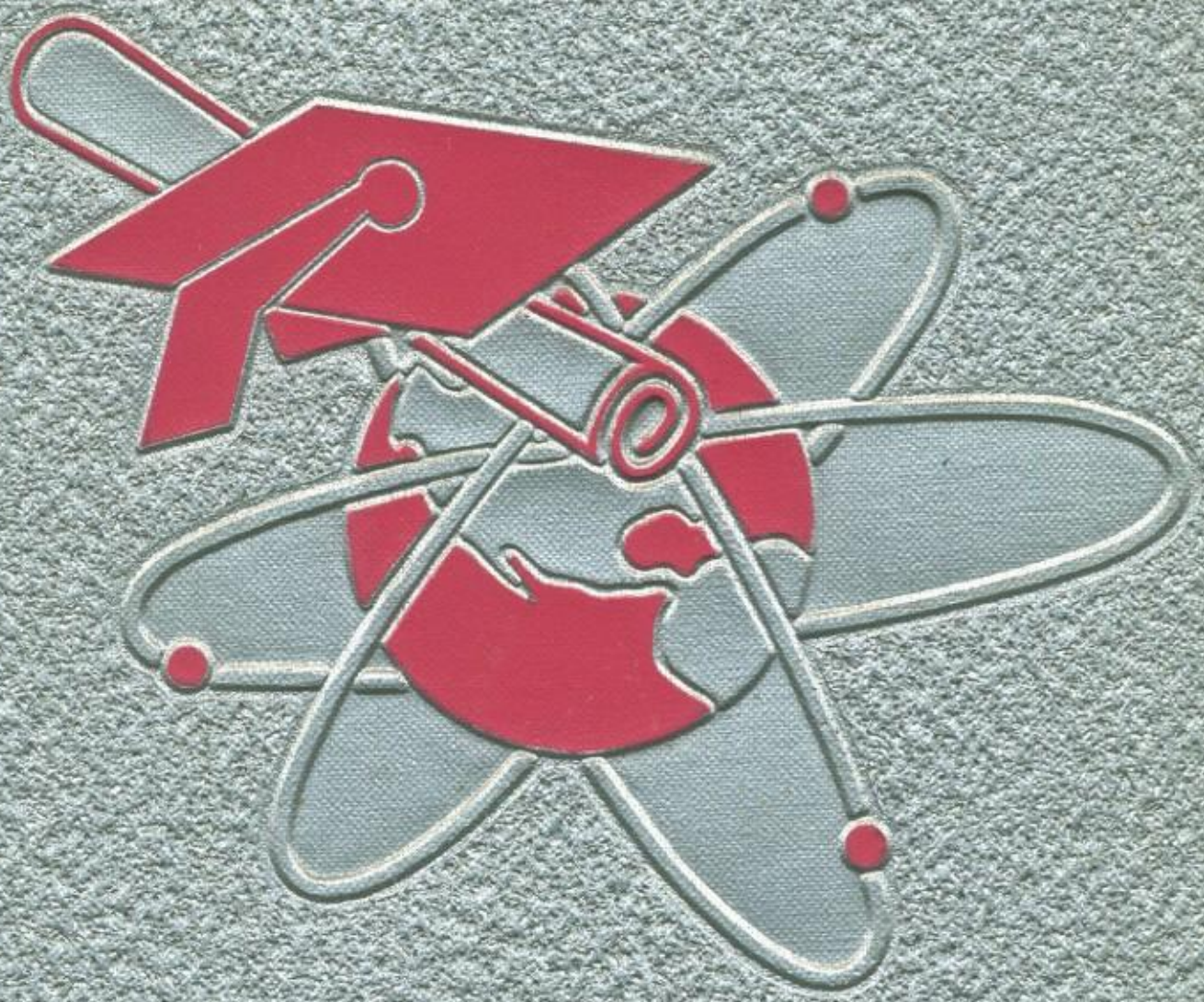

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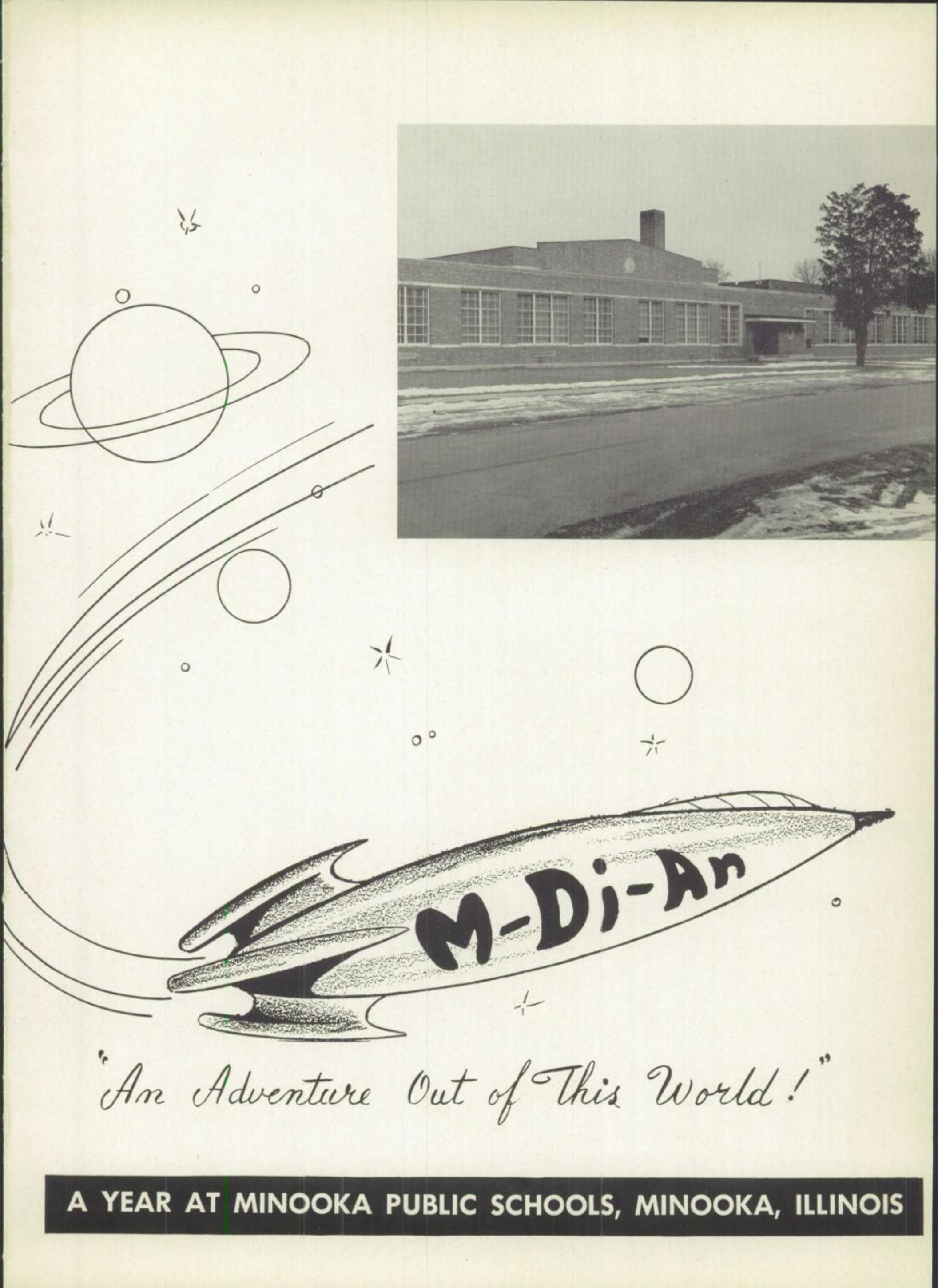

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A YEAR AT MINOOKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MINOOKA, ILLINOIS

Traveling on our LIGHT YEAR of knowledge

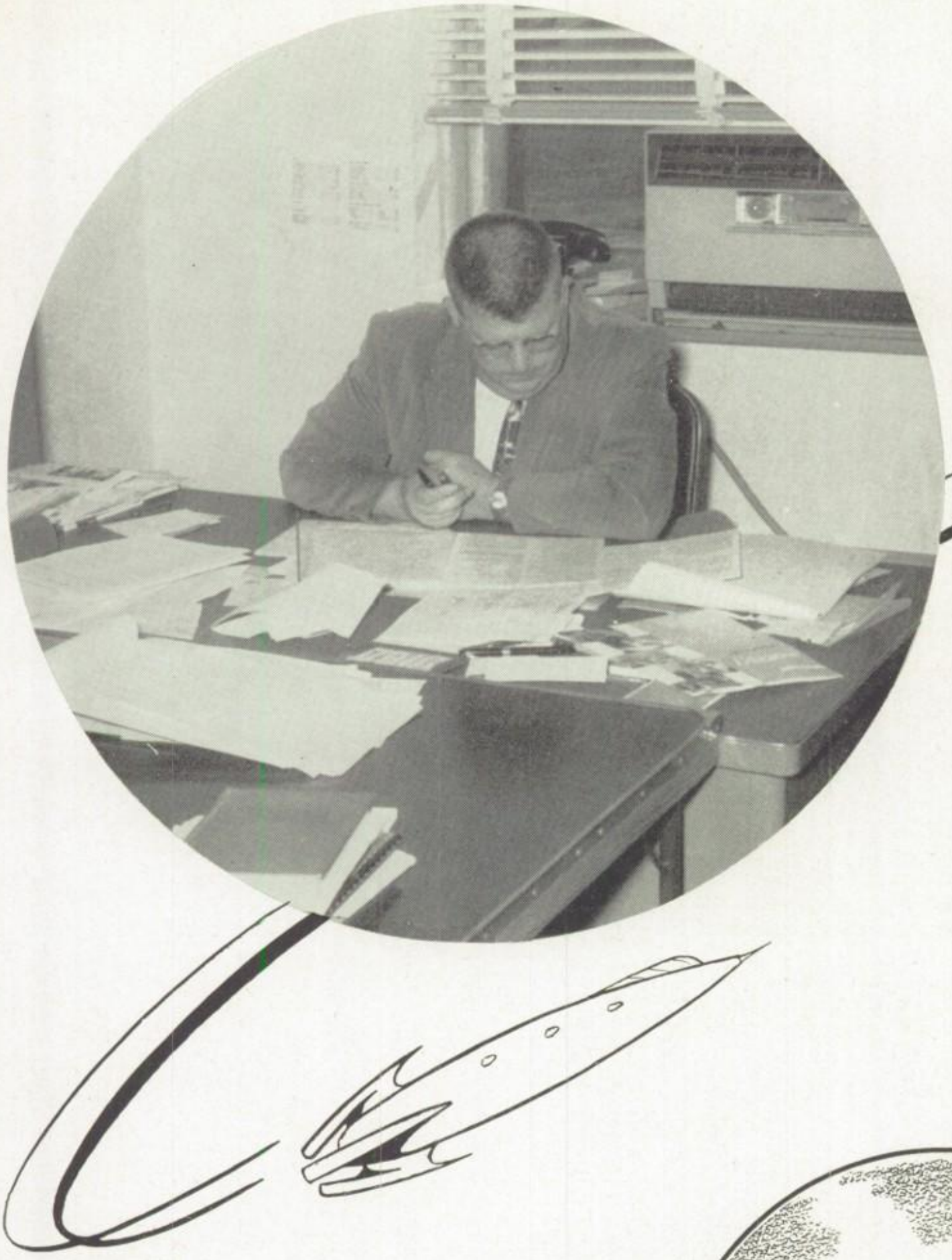
Honor Roll

Freshmen receive "Honor-Roll Cards" from their advisor, Mr. Coleman. Larry Peterson, Glenda Todd, Karen Hagmeyer, Tonya Weers, Mr. Coleman, Dorothy Hutchinson, Kay Holbrook, Lydia Fox.

The "Sophs" look at those "A's" with smiling faces. Sandra Horton, Katharine Anderson, Barbara Heap, Linda Hauger, Jim Herringer, Linda Findlay, Margery Knudson, Rosemary Swiggert.

These Seniors have done it again. Margaret Vaksdal, Villa Williams, Karen Brown, Thomas Murley, Ruth Montgomery, Joan Knudson, Phyllis Baker, Sharon Peterson, Jacqueline Hancock.

The Juniors see the posted list of their honors. Leona Pehlke, Patricia Anderson, Jim Winkler, Joanne Patten, Charlene Heap, Art Hutchinson, Barbara Binkele, Beverly Todd.



ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

REX A. SIRON

M.S.Ed. and B.S.Ed.
(Illinois State Normal University)

High School Board

Left to right:
Clarence Knudson
John Sing
Franklin Emiley
George Winterbottom
William Rushton
Silas Knudson
(Inset) Everett McCoy

Administrators

Secretary

MRS. PHYLLIS GEORGE

Grade School Board

Left to right:
Donald McCoy
Charles Greenbeck
Ralph Churchill
Harold Dirst
Francis Coyne,
Arthur Knudson,
William Stafford.

High School Faculty

DAVE DORICK
B. S. and M. S. (Bradley University).
Social Science, Coach

FRANCIS J. COLEMAN
B. S. (Northern Illinois State College).
Physical Science

INEZ HOLT
Ph. B. (University of Chicago);
M. A. (University of Illinois).
English, Library

HARRY ELWOOD WHITE
B. S. (University of Illinois).
Agriculture, Biology.

GEORGE R. VOGRIN
B. A. (St. Thomas College).
English, History.

NANETTE MANFRED
Ph. B. (Mount Mary College).
Business Education.

PATRICIA KASAK
B. A. (College of Saint Francis).
Spanish, Mathematics.

GEORGE EDWARD PEICHL
B. M. E. (North Central College).
Elementary and High School Vocal, Band.

VIRA B. RICKETTS
B. S. and M. S. (Kansas State College);
(University of Colorado).
Home Economics, Girls' Physical Education.

ALVA OLSON
Northern Illinois State Teachers College,
Wheaton College,
Illinois State Normal University.
First Grade.

HUGH PALMER
B. A. (Aurora College).
Seventh Grade.

MRS. BEULAH DAVIS
Wisconsin State Teachers College,
Mount St. Clare College, Illinois.
State Normal University.
Fifth Grade.

MRS. ELMA M. MANTHEI
Northern Illinois State Teachers College.
Third Grade.

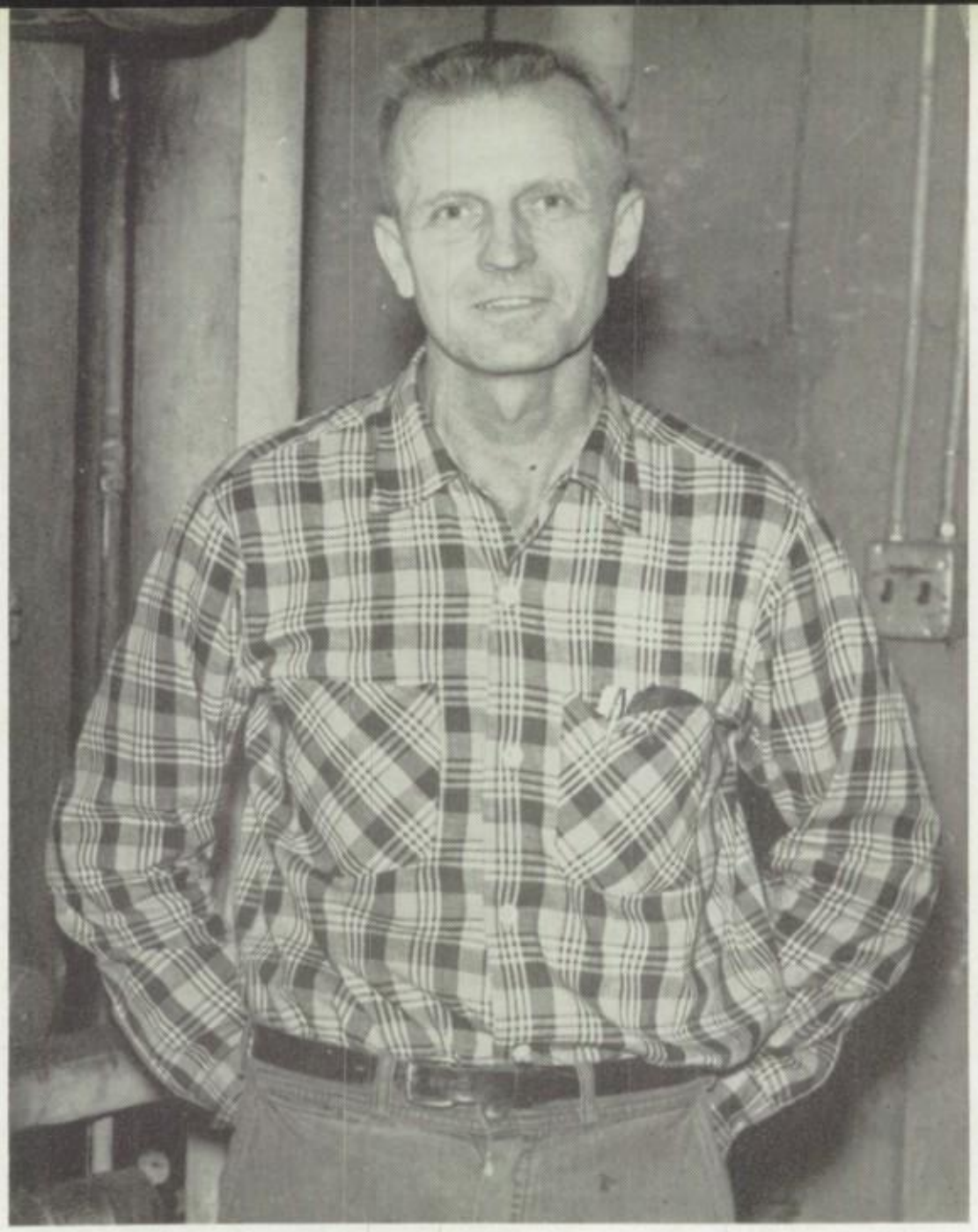
MRS. LOLA RUSHTON
Northern Illinois State Teachers College.
Eighth Grade.

FERN B. PETERSON
Illinois State Normal University,
Northern Illinois State Teachers College.
Sixth Grade.

MRS. MARY GILBERT
Illinois State Normal University.
Fourth Grade.

MRS. MARY TALBOT
Northern Illinois State Teachers College,
University of Illinois,
Illinois State Normal University.
Second Grade.

Grade School Faculty



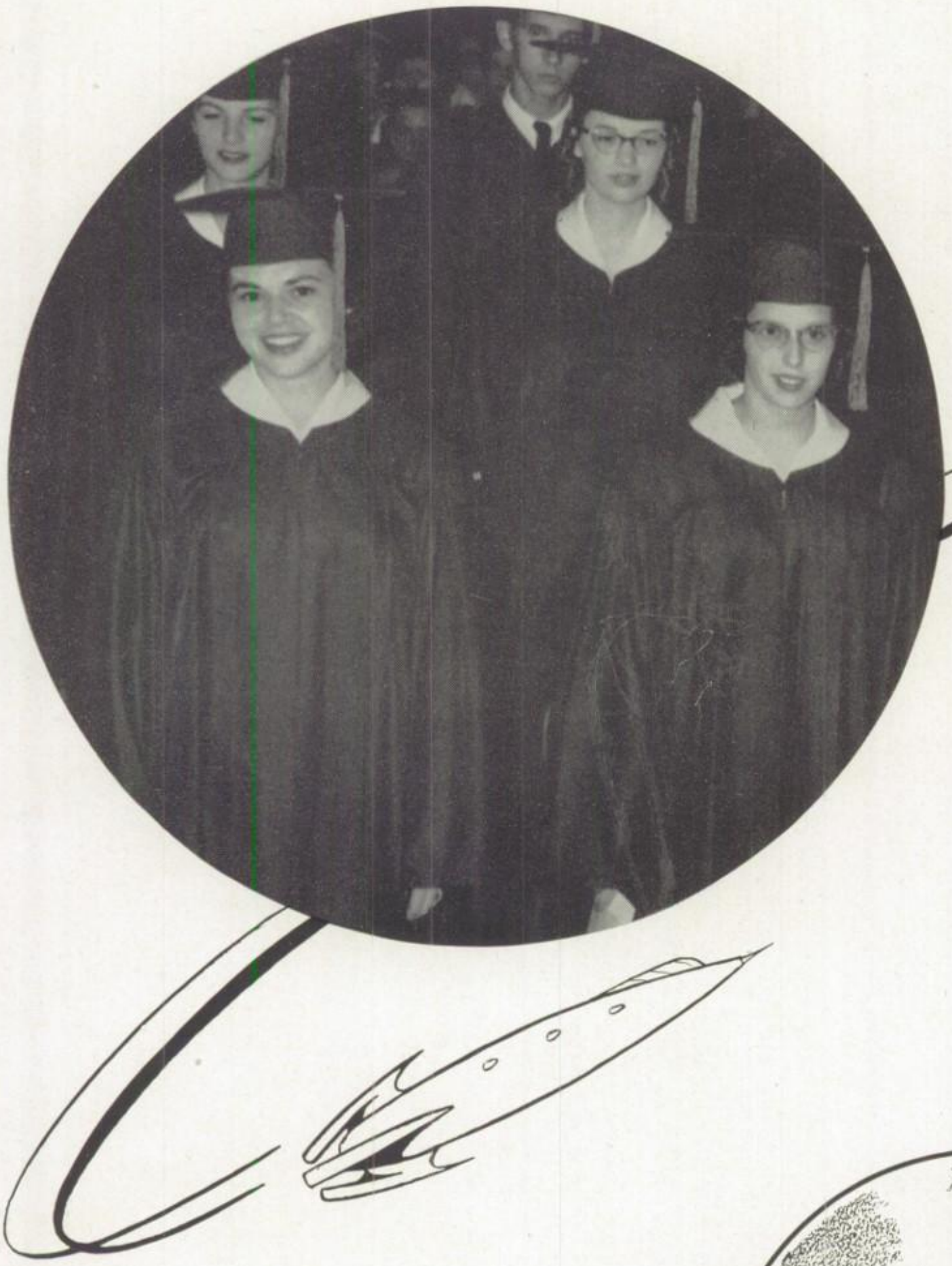
CUSTODIAN

Harvey Vaksdal

Our true Helpers

BUS DRIVERS

William Rimke, Ray Falkenberg, Clarence Knudson



GRADUATES

Joan Knudson, Margaret Vaksdal, Tom Murley, Villa Williams

Senior Officers

President ..... Tom Murley
Vice-President ..... Margaret Vaksdal
Secretary ..... Villa Williams
Treasurer ..... Joan Knudson
Advisor ..... Miss Kasak

1957 SENIORS

ANDREW RICHARD ANDERSON

June 20. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Perfect Attendance 1,4; Band 1,2,3,4; District Band Contest 1,2,3,4; State Band Contest 2,3,4; School Concerts 1,2,3,4; District Music Solo and Ensemble 3; Basketball 1,2; Track 2; "Boy Appeal" 4.

GERALD DUANE ANDERSON

August 5. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Honor Roll 1,2; Basketball 1,2; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

BEVERLY ANN COOK

February 15. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Honor Roll 3; President 2; M-Di-An 2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee Club 1,3; Graduation Chorus 1,3; District Chorus Contest 1,3; School Concerts 1,3; Cheerleader 3,4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

JEANEN MONICA BOHNSTENGEL

October 23. Entered Freshman year from Marquette, Chicago; Student Council; Secretary, Treasurer 1; M-Di-An 4; Circulation 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee Club 1,2,3; Graduation Chorus 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Custodian 4; District Band Contest 1,2,3,4; State Band Contest 2, 3; District Music Solo and Ensemble Contest 3,4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

MARILYN JEAN BRETSCH

May 2. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; M-Di-An 1,2,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee Club 1,2; Graduation Chorus 1,2; District Chorus Contest 1; Camera Club 2,3; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

KAREN MARIE BROWN

December 23. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,4; Secretary 2; Treasurer 3; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Editor 4; M-Di-An 2,3,4; Literary Editor 4; Advertising 3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Parliamentarian 2; Treasurer 4; Graduation Chorus 1,2,3; District Chorus Contest 1,2,4; Girls' Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Librarian 1; President 4; Girls' Sextet 4; Camera Club 2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Secretary 3; Board Member 4; District Band Contest 1,2,3,4; State Band Contest 2,3; School Concerts 1,2,3,4; District Music Solo and Ensemble Contest 2,4; State Music and Ensemble 4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

WILLIAM JOHN FREDERICK

April 8. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 2; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

MERLE FREDRICK BRUST

June 15. Entered Junior year from Joliet Township High School; Basketball 3,4; Track 3; F.F.A. 3,4; F F.A. Secretary 4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

1957 SENIORS

PHYLLIS JEAN BAKER

July 1. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Honor Roll 1,3,4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Circulation 4; M-Di-An 3,4; Co-Editor 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee Club 1; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

RONALD STEWART DIRST

August 20. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Vice-President 3; Boys' Glee Club 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4. "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

RALPH W. DITCH

August 30. Entered Freshman year from Plattville Grade School; Perfect Attendance 1,2; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Sports Editor 4; Boys' Glee Club 3; Camera Club 3; Basketball 1; Baseball 1; Track 2; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

BETTY LOU FORBES

February 28. Entered Freshman year from Utica Public School; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Art Editor 4; M-Di-An 3,4; Circulation 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee Club 1; Graduation Chorus 1; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

LINDA LOU FREDERICK

February 14. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; M-Di-An 3,4; Photography Editor 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Graduation Chorus 1,2,3; District Chorus Contest 1,3,4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

JOYCE ANN GREENBECK

March 21. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Honor Roll 1,2,3; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Feature Writer 4; M-Di-An 2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Degrees 3; Welfare and Service Chairman 4; Girls' Glee Club 1,2,3,4; District Chorus Contest 1,3,4; School Concerts 1,3,4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

HELEN LONENE BRUST

November 10. Entered Junior year from Joliet Township High School; Honor Roll 3,4; Student Council 4; Vice-President; M-Di-An 3,4; F.H.A. 3,4; President 4; Girls' Glee Club 3; Graduation Chorus 3; Camera Club 3; Band 4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

JACQUELINE HANCOCK

December 29. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Honor Roll 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; M-Di-An 1,2,3,4; Photography; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Finance Chairman 4; Graduation Chorus 1,2,3,4; District Chorus Contest 1,3,4; Band 1,2,4; District Band Contest 1,2; State Band Contest 2; School Concerts 1,2,3,4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

JOAN ELSIE KNUDSON

February 15. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,4; Secretary 3; Treasurer 4; Student Council 2; M-Di-An 1,2,3,4; Literary 3; Photography 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Secretary 3; Vice-President 4; Section 19 Parliamentarian 4; Girls' Glee Club 1,2; Librarian 1; Graduation Chorus 1; District Chorus Contest 1; Camera Club 2,3; Secretary 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Librarian 1, Board Member 3, President 4; District Band Contest 1,2,3,4; State Band Contest 2,3; School Concerts 1,2,3,4; Dance Band 1,2; District Music Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2,3,4; State Music Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,3,4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

RUTH ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY

August 10. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Honor Roll 2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,3; M-Di-An 1,2,3,4; Photography 1,2,3; Circulation Editor 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Parliamentarian 4; Girls' Glee Club 1,2; Camera Club 2,3; Graduation Chorus 1, 2; District Chorus 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Librarian 1; Board of Directors 3; District Band Contest 1,2,3; State Band Contest 2,3; School Concerts 1,2,3; State Music Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2,3; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

THOMAS EARL MURLEY

September 16. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; President 1,3,4; Student Council 2; Vice-President 2; M-Di-An 4; Business Manager 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,3,4; Track 2; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

LEONARD SHERMAN OLSON

March 31. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 4.

LEONARD ALFRED PETERSON

April 26. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Boys' Glee Club 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Track 1; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

SHARON LE PETERSON

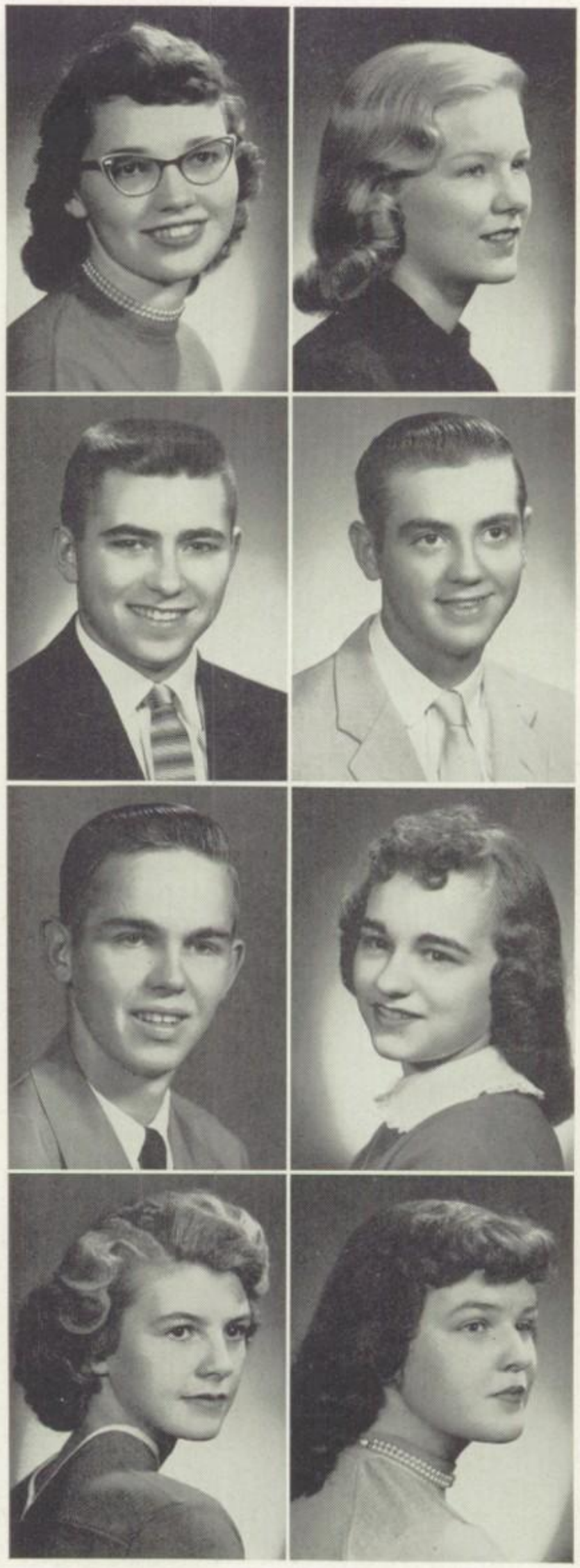
February 12. Entered Freshman year from Plattville Grade School; Honor Roll 1,2,4; Perfect Attendance 4; Student Council 3; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Organization Writer 4; M-Di-An 4; Circulation 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 3; Degrees 4; Girls' Glee Club 1; Graduation Chorus 1; District Chorus Contest 1; Camera Club 3; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

KAREN MARGARET NICHOLS

April 15. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Honor Roll 3; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Organization Writer 4; M-Di-An 1,2,3,4; Advertising Staff 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Board of Directors 2; Graduation Chorus 1,2,3,4; District Chorus Contest 1,3,4; Girls' Sextet 4; Camera Club 2,3; Band 3,4; District Band Contest 4; School Concerts 1,2,3,4; District Music Solo and Ensemble Contest 4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

BARBARA JEAN RUSHING

August 9. Entered Senior year from Morris Community High School; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; "Boy Appeal" 4.



1957 SENIORS

This is the Seniors

ROBERT LESTER SAGE

January 2. Entered Freshman year from Channahon Grade School; Basketball 1; Baseball 3; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

JOSEPH FRANCIS SCHUCK

March 30. Entered Sophomore year from Naperville High School; M-Di-An 4; Advertising 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 3; President 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Track 3; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

LAVERNE SPENCER

February 17. Entered Sophomore year from New Hope High School; Honor Roll 2; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Circulation 4; M-Di-An 4; Photography Editor 4; Camera Club 2,3; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4.

JOHN JOSEPH STEGMAN

August 3. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Treasurer 1,2; Student Council 3,4; President 4; Boys' Glee Club 3; Band 1,2; District Band Contest 1,2; School Concerts 1,2; District Music Solo and Ensemble Contest 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

MARGARET ELAINE VAKSDAL

July 20. Entered Freshman year from Minooka Grade School; Honor Roll 1,2,3,4; Perfect Attendance 1,2,3,4; Vice-President 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 4; Circulation 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Welfare and Service 2; Secretary 4; Girls' Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Secretary and Treasurer 4; Graduation Chorus 1,2,3; All State Chorus 4; District Chorus Contest 1,3,4; Camera Club 2,3; School Concerts 1,2,3,4; District Music Solo and Ensemble Contest 4; State Music Solo and Ensemble 4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

CHARLES ROBERT WILHELMI

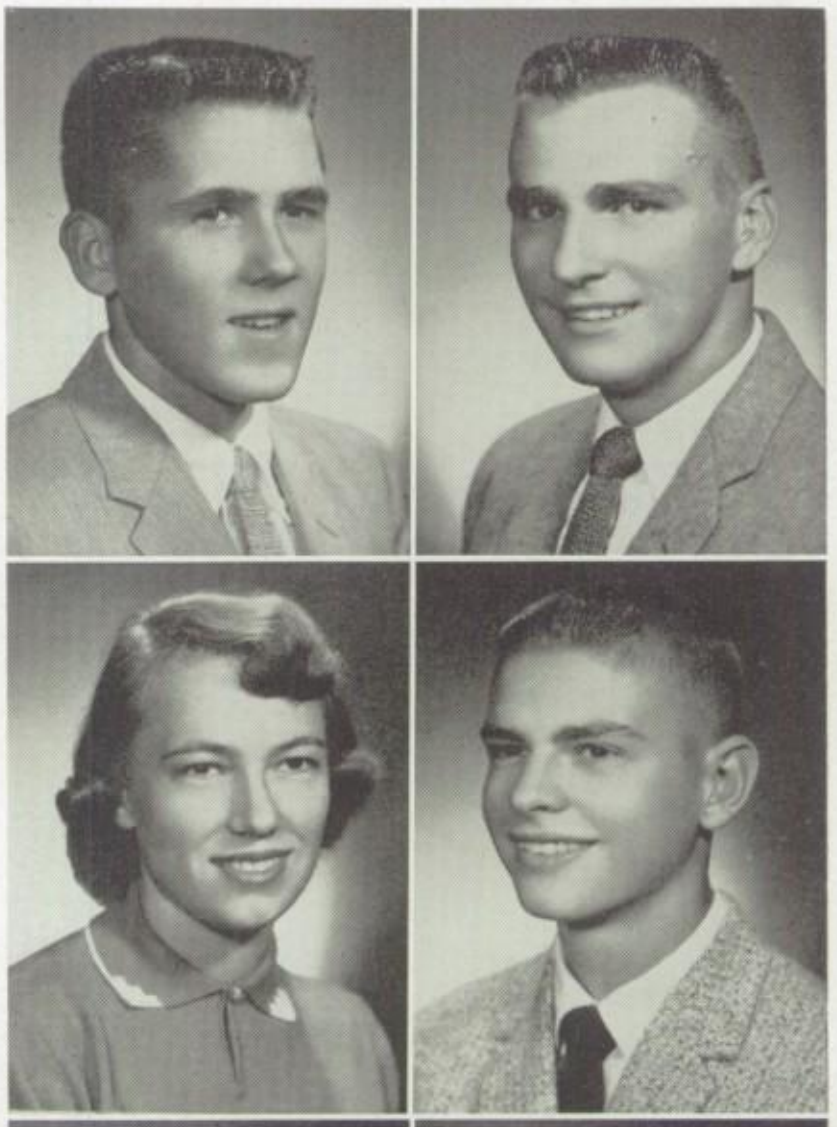
June 2. Entered Freshman year from St. Rose School; Vice-President 1; M-Di-An 3; Advertising 3; Boys' Glee Club 2; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 2; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

VILLA JEAN WILLIAMS

February 22. Entered Junior year from Waller High, Chicago; Honor Roll 4; Secretary 4; Peace Pipe Chatter 3,4; Art Editor 4; M-Di-An 4; Literary 4; F.H.A. 3,4; Girls' Glee Club 3,4; Graduation Chorus 3,4; District Chorus Contest 4; "Baby Sitter" 3; "Boy Appeal" 4.

MILDRED CONSUELO URQUIOLA

February 20. Entered Senior year from American Institute (Bolivia, South America); F.H.A. 4; Girls' Glee Club 4; District Chorus Contest 4; School Concerts 4; State Music Solo and Ensemble Contest 4; District Music Solo and Ensemble Contest 4.



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Senior Awards

Margaret Elaine Vaksdal

WOMAN'S CLUB AWARDS

Each year the Woman's Club of Minooka awards medals to the boy and girl who have the highest scholastic average in their class for their four years of high-school work. Our congratulations to Margaret Vaksdal and Tom Murley.

Thomas Earl Murley

Beverly Ann Cook

MOST REPRESENTATIVE STUDENTS

The Most Representative Students are chosen to represent all school activities: academic achievement, participation in school clubs, sports, social activities, and on the basis of good citizenship. The boy and girl of the Class of 1957, chosen by popular vote by the student body and faculty, are Beverly Cook and Tom Murley.

John Joseph Stegman

AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS

Honor, Courage, Leadership, Scholarship, Companionship, Character, and Service are the qualities considered by the faculty in voting for this award which is presented by Post 1188. Joan Knudson and John Stegman received this honor.

Joan Elsie Knudson

D. A. R. AWARD

Minooka High School is proud to be presented a D. A. R. Award. This honor is bestowed upon our high school by the Alida C. Bliss Chapter of Grundy County. The following qualifications are used in voting for this award: Dependability, Leadership, Service, and Patriotism.

The Senior Class and faculty voted for this award. Our congratulations to Karen Brown.

Karen Marie Brown

Box Appeal

Joan Knudson, Karen Nichols, Joyce Greenbeck, Jerry Anderson, Merle Brust, Andrew Anderson, Helen Brust, Bob Wilhelmi. (Sitting, front) Jeanen Bohnstengel

Jackie Hancock and Tom Murley pose after a successful performance

The cast poses for a final bow

Seniors

As we look back upon our four years at Minooka High School about all we can say is, "Underclassmen, make the most of these four years — it's later than you think." Yes, it seems impossible that four years have gone by since we landed as Freshmen at Minooka High all starry eyed and green. However, our first three years passed quickly, and by the end of our Junior Year the anticipation for our Senior Year to come was great. Miss Kasak called a class meeting for us to elect our class officers for our last year. Tom Murley was chosen as President. Margaret Vaksdal was to be his right-hand lady as Vice-President while Villa Williams was to take the minutes and Joan Knudson to record the finances.

The thoughts of being a big senior with nothing to do were soon squelched when we returned for that long-awaited year in September, 1956. Reports, term papers, and the Constitution tests made us work — big seniors at that. Oh, don't get us wrong, we had many good times too in senior year. Six of our boys led our basketball team to many victories—Tom Murley, Leonard Peterson, Joe Schuck, John Stegman, Ron Dirst and Merle Brust.

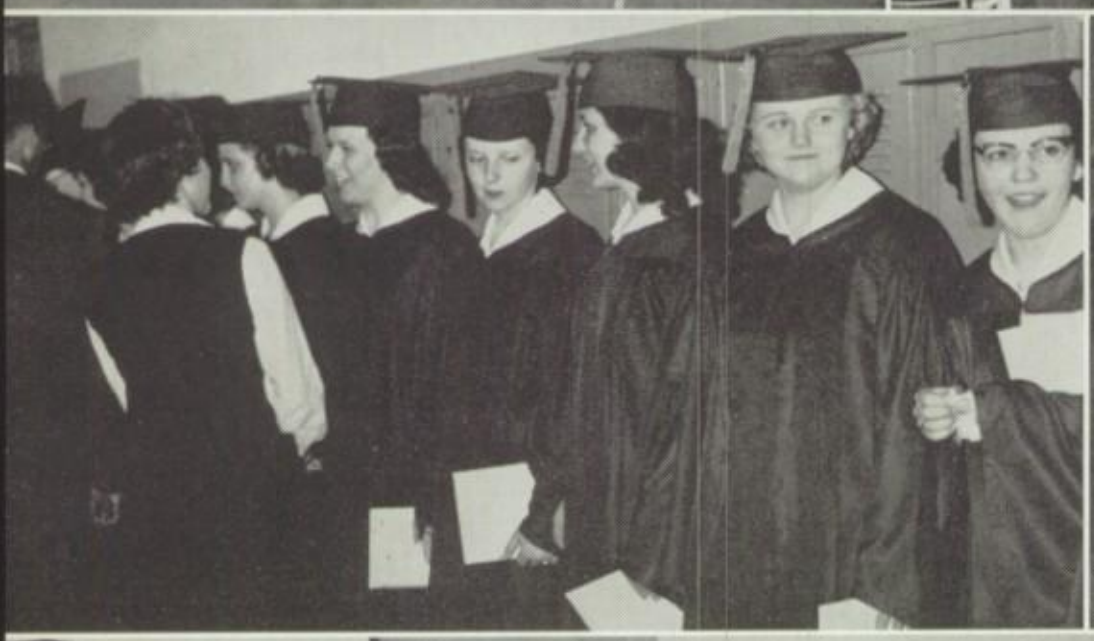
Our senior play, "Boy Appeal," turned out to be a big success with Margaret Vaksdal, Villa Williams, Bev Cook, Andrew Anderson, Jeanen Bohnstengel and others in the spotlight for the event. Of course, behind the scenes was our untiring director, Miss Holt.

We sponsored the Annual Christmas Party this year. Santa came and distributed gifts to the students and teachers. From that time on, we began to look forward to Skip Day and the Prom put on for us by the Junior Class. On May 31, 1957, we were thrown into the "Outer Space" of the world.

Many memories were collected during those four years at MCHS, which will never be forgotten. We're proud to be graduates of Minooka High School, and we shall always display that pride as we "Reach Our New Horizon."

Our Satelite

Scooping activity in our "Universe"



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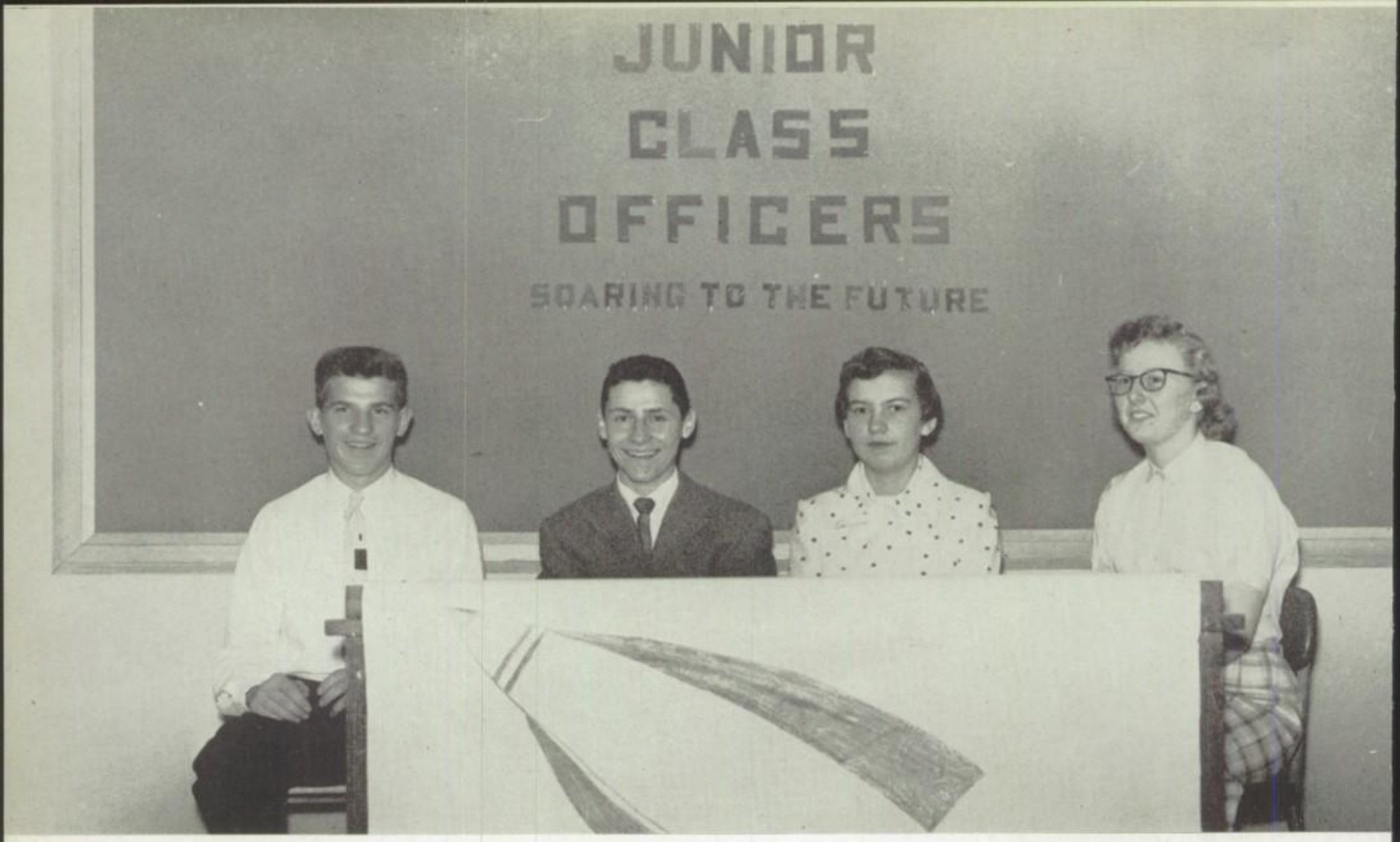

Milos Konjevich, Larry Todd, Charlene Heap, Virginia Wallin

Junior Officers

President ..... Charlene Heap
Vice-President ..... Lawrence Todd
Secretary ..... Virginia Wallin
Treasurer ..... Milos Konjevich
Advisor ..... Miss Holt

PATRICIA ANDERSON
BARBARA BINKELE
WILLIAM BREWER
BOB CHERNISKY

ALDEN ERICKSON
JOHN FINDLAY
MARGARET GOOD
CHARLENE HEAP

ARTHUR HUTCHINSON
VADA KNUDSON
MILOS KONJEVICH
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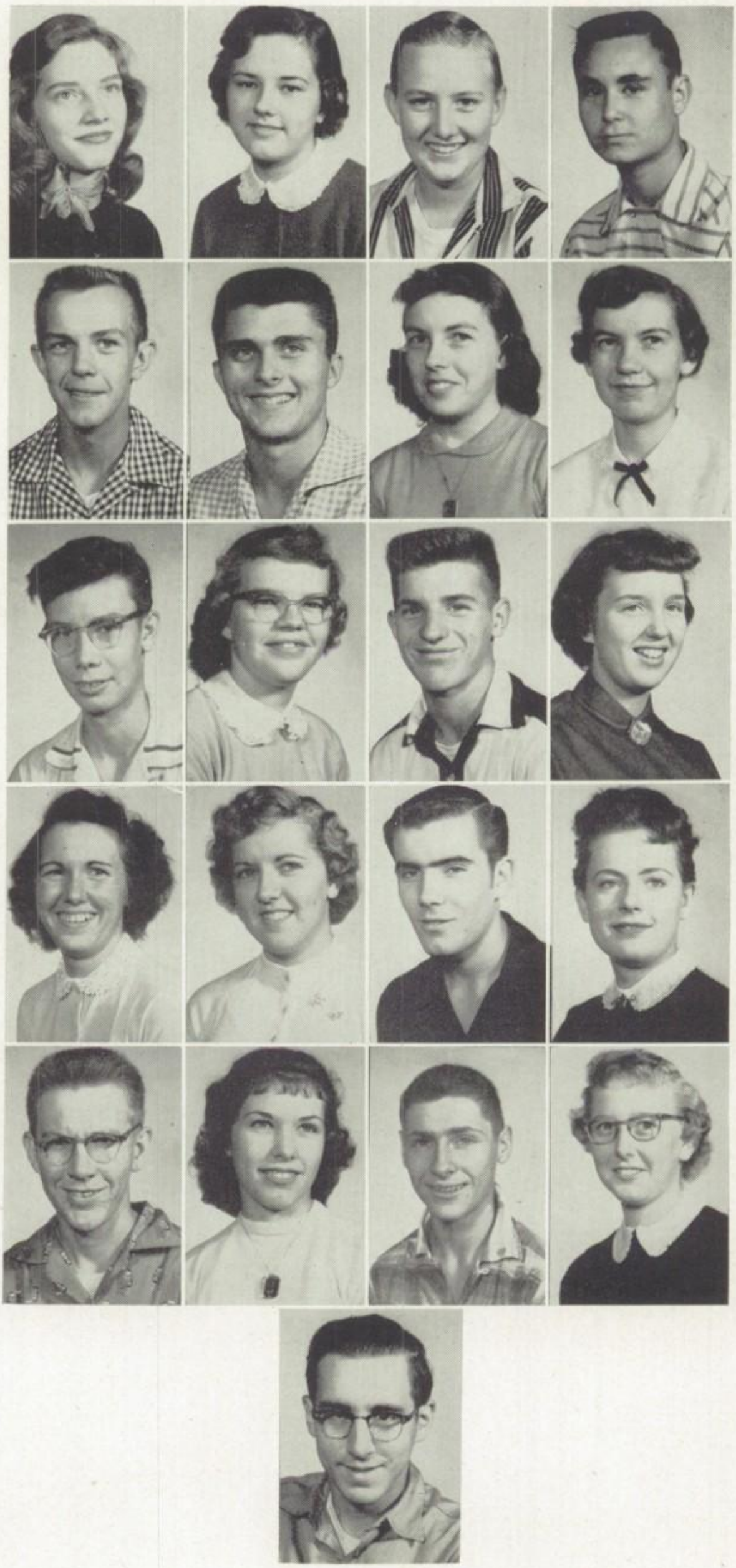


This is the Juniors

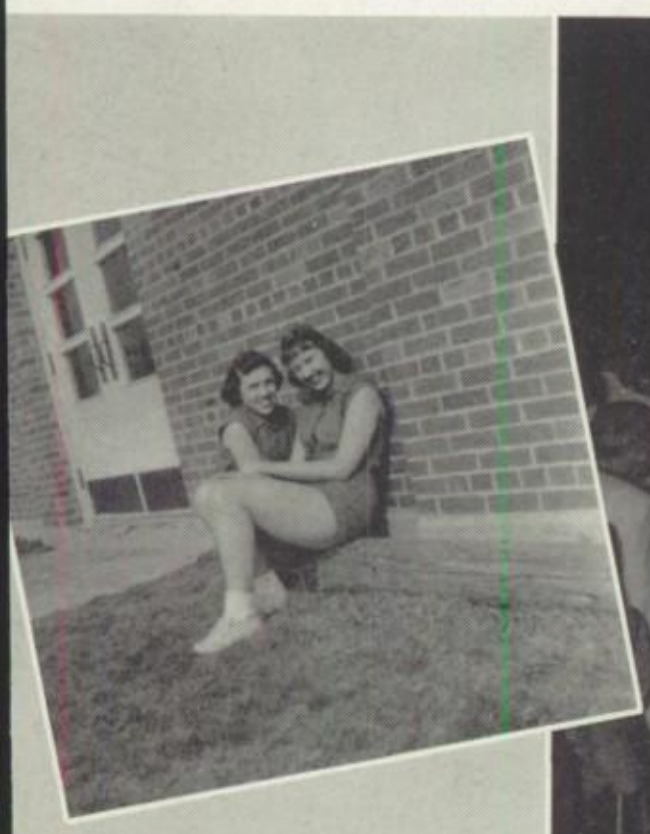
Well, this is the year for which we have all been waiting. We are finally becoming upperclassmen. Our officers, Charlene Heap, president; Larry Todd, vice-president; Virginia Wallin, secretary; and Milos Konjevich, treasurer, are representative of the ambitious students of our class.

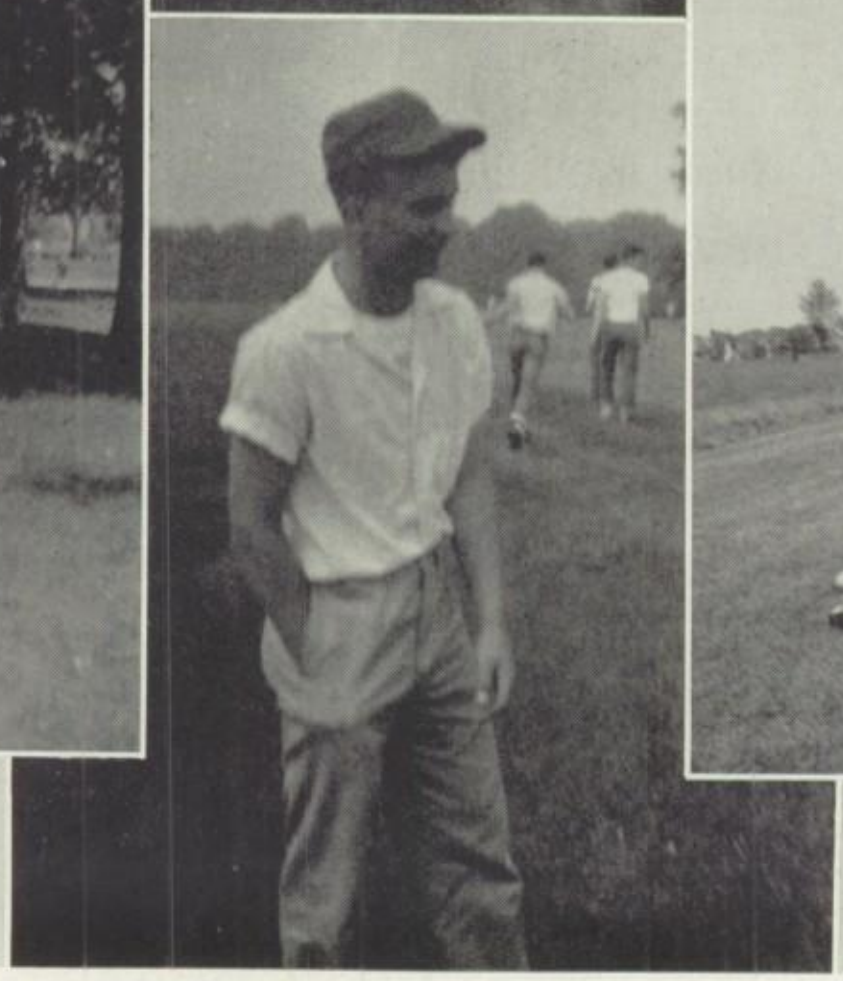
We have all been very busy making money for the Prom and Banquet. We hope it is the best prom yet.

Larry Todd, Bob Chernisky, John Findlay, Art Hutchinson, and Jim Winkler are our athletes. Larry Todd played on the varsity basketball team all this year.

"Room for the Groom," our junior play was a howling success. Jim Winkler and Charlene Heap had the leads. However, no one will ever forget the performance of Vada Knudson.

Our class also has musicians. Virginia Wallin received a first rating for a solo at the State Contest. Vada Knudson and Barbara Binkele also received awards at the State Music Contest. A group of girls from our class participated in the State Contest in the Girls' Chorus and in the band.





Sophomore Officers

President ..... Katharine Anderson
Vice-President ..... James Herringer
Secretary ..... Margery Knudson
Treasurer ..... Joyce Murley
Advisor ..... Miss Manfred

DARLENE ANDERSON
KATHARINE ANDERSON
JOHN BALTZ
DORIS CHILDRESS
LINDA FINDLAY

CONNIE GREENWOOD
LINDA HAUGER
BARBARA HEAP
HARRIETTE HENRY
JIM HERRINGER

SANDY HORTON
MARGERY KNUDSON
CAROL LINK
MARY LUNDSTROM
MARILYN MALONE

BETTY MORRIS
JOYCE MURLEY
JACK PHILLIPS
WILLIAM PLATT
ANITA SANTORINEOS

JAMES RUSHING
WILLIE SPENCER
BETTY STEWART
RONALD STEWART
ROSEMARY SWIGGERT

MAXINE TODD
HAROLD UNLAND
RAY VICKERY
DENNIS WILHELMI
BEVERLY ZINK

This is the Sophomores

Finally getting our feet "down to earth" in our high school education. The sophomore class of 1957 have had a nice year. Our officers elected the first of the year were: President Kathi Anderson, Vice-President Jim Herringer, Secretary Margie Knudson, Treasurer Joyce Murley. Representing us in the Student Council were: Barb Heap and Willie Spencer. They did a very fine job.

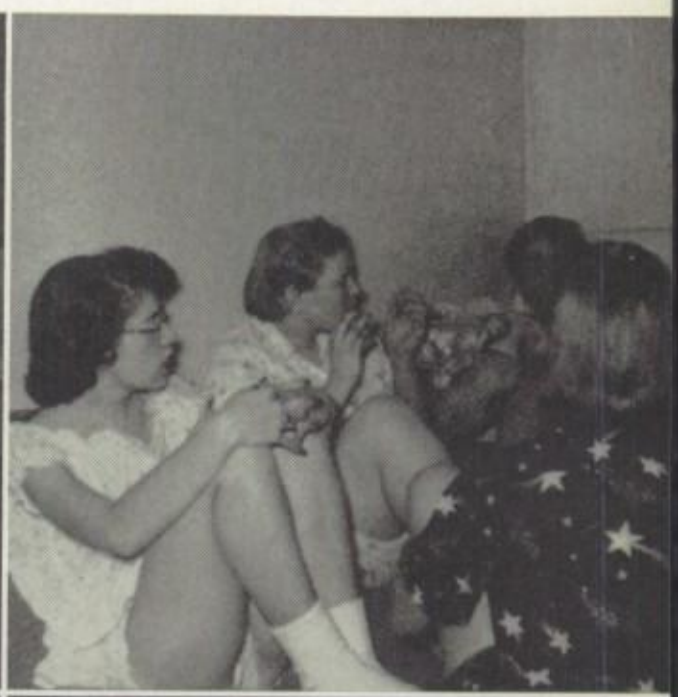
To raise money for our class treasury we gave a Thanksgiving party on November 16, which was a big success. During the party we featured an imitation of the well-known television program "It Could Be You." We also had an Elvis Presley contest, in which three boys participated. Another money - raising project was our class luncheon held at the Methodist Church on March 22.

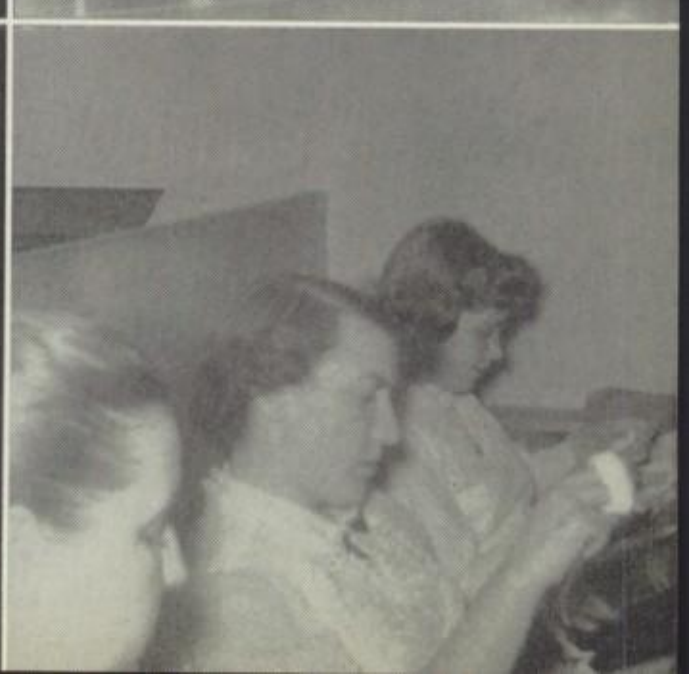
Four of our boys played basketball, and two played on the baseball team. Two of our girls were chosen to lead the school in cheers during the basketball season.

During the past year our academic average has improved. We now have eight of our class representing us on the honor roll.

We all would sincerely like to thank our class advisor, Miss Manfred, for her help and cooperation in making our year the success that it has been.

Sophs Having Fun





Freshman Officers

President ..... Laverne Peterson
Vice-President ..... Robert Brust
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Advisor ..... Mr. Coleman

The Freshmen

The Class of 1960 entered their high school career much the same as the classes before them and those to follow. We came from various schools giving us many backgrounds—each one hoping his background sufficient for a successful career in high school. Some of us showed a good degree of success at the end of the first semester with the following names listed on the Honor Roll: Lydia Fox, Karen Hagmayer, Katherine Holbrook, Dorothy Hutchinson, Larry Peterson, Glenda Todd, and Tonya Weers.

Our first meeting as a group was the election of officers when we elected Laverne Peterson, President; Robert Brust, Vice-President; Howard Valentine, Secretary; and Karen Hagmayer, Treasurer. Larry Peterson and Tonya Weers represented us on the Student Council.

Several of the girls found their places in Girls' Chorus while boys with athletic ability sought places on the basketball squad. The Band gave others an opportunity to continue their interest in music. The social event of the year for our class was an all-school dance.

In the coming years we hope we may find our places as leaders in the Minooka Community High School.

BONNIE ANDERSON
JAMES ANDERSON
SHARON AVERY

JOHN BROOKS
ROBERT BRUST
SHEILA CONROY

JAMES DAVIDSON
LYDIA FOX
SHARON FUSS

EDWARD GANNON
RONALD GERSH
JAMES HADAWAY

KAREN HAGMAYER
STEVEN HAUGER
CHARLENE HEXTELL

KAY HOLBROOK
RICHARD HULBERT
DOROTHY HUTCHINSON
DONALD KONJEVICH

CHARLES LADE
MARTHA LAWSON
EUGENE MORRIS

HELENE NORTON
RONALD OLSON
ERNEST PEHLKE

WALTER PEHLKE
LARRY PETERSON
LAVERNE PETERSON

PATRICIA POTASKY
SHEILA SHEARER
DONALD SMITH

RICHARD THOMAS
NANCY TIGNOR
GLENDA TODD

HOWARD VALENTINE
GLADYS VIANO
TONYA WEERS

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The M-DI-AN staff has been working hard all year to put out the best possible book for its students.

So that everyone could receive a book at a reasonable price, projects were carried on throughout the year to raise money for publication. Magazines and turkey raffle tickets were sold by the entire school. We also earned money by selling ads, having a "Donkey Basketball Game," and sponsoring a luncheon.

We wish to thank all who have helped in any way with the forming of this book and hope that it will recall many wonderful memories to its readers.

This is the advertising committee that spent so much time and effort selling ads for our book: Charlene Heap, John Stegman, Kathi Anderson, Joe Schuck, Karen Nichols, and Tom Murley.

Standing: Phyllis Baker, Beverly Cook, Ruth Montgomery, Linda Findlay, Marge Knudson, Sandra Horton, Rosemary Swiggert.

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Standing: Jackie Hancock, Joyce Greenbeck, Peggy McCoy, Barbara Heap, Harriette Henry, Mary Lindstrom, Sharon Peterson, Joyce Murley.

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Middle Row: Margaret Good, Peggy McCoy, Joanne Patten, Barbara Binkele, Charlene Heap, Vada Knudson, Virginia Wallin, Lois Severson, Beverly Todd, Margaret Vaksdal, Linda Frederick.

Front Row: Ruth Montgomery, Karen Brown, Karen Nichols, Beverly Cook, Joyce Greenbeck, Laverne Spencer, Jeanen Bohnstengel, Jackie Hancock, Helen Brust, Joan Knudson, Villa Williams.

Future Homemakers of America

The Minooka Chapter is a unit of the Illinois Association of F. H. A., which is chartered by the national organization of the Future Homemakers of America.

The membership of the club this year was 63 members. In order to become a member of the F. H. A. you must complete at least one year of home economics.

The motto of the organization is "Toward New Horizons"; the flower, a red rose; and the colors are red and white. The eight purposes of the F. H. A. are:

1. To promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfactions of homemaking.
2. To emphasize the importance of worthy home membership.
3. To encourage democracy in the home and community life.
4. To work for good home and family life for all.
5. To promote international good will.
6. To foster the development of creative leadership in home and community life.
7. To further interest in home economics.
8. To further wholesome individual and group recreation.

Top Row: Mrs. Ricketts, Advisor, Kathi Anderson, Sandy Horton, Marge Knudson, Joyce Murley, Barbara Heap, Darlene Anderson, Mary Lindstrom, Linda Hauger, Maxine Todd, Anita Santorineous, Connie Greenwood, Betty Morris.

Middle Row: Linda Findlay, Doris Childress Charlene Hextell, Kay Holbrook, Martha Lawson, Sharon Fuss, Sheila Shearer, Sheila Conroy, Sharon Avery, Carol Link, Harriette Henry.

Front Row: Rosemary Swiggert, Marilyn Malone, Glenda Todd, Gladys Viano, Karen Hagmeyer, Tonya Weers, Dorothy Hutchinson, Nancy Tignor, Bonnie Anderson, Lydia Fox, Patricia Potasky.

This year's activities began in September with a report by Helen Brust on F. H. A. Camp which she attended in July at Lake Bloomington. Committees met also to plan the program for the year. Daddy-date-night was scheduled in October and was a big success. Joan Knudson gave a report on F. H. A. National Convention in November. Coat checking was discussed as a money-making project and was adopted for this year. In December we had a Christmas Party which included a gift exchange. Mrs. McCoy, a registered nurse, gave a talk on her profession in January.

During February and March, we attended several rallies at which Charlene Heap was voted President of Section 19. We also sold candy for a money-making project several times during the year. The Annual Formal Initiation for the Freshmen was held in March. Many mothers came to see their daughters participating in the event. In May we sponsored a skating party which was very well attended. The Mother and Daughter Banquet was enjoyed by everyone in May with the theme "May Day." It was a big night which included the installation of the new officers for the 1957-58 term.

Mrs. Ricketts, our advisor, and Mrs. Dorick, our Chapter Mother, were both a great help to our club.

Seated: Karen Brown, Joan Knudson, Helen Brust, Margaret Vaksdal, Ruth Montgomery.
Standing: Beverly Todd, Sharon Peterson, Virginia Wallin, Joyce Greenbeck, Barbara Heap, Jackie Hancock.

F. H. A. Officers

President ..... Helen Brust
Vice-President ..... Joan Knudson
Secretary ..... Margaret Vaksdal
Treasurer ..... Karen Brown
Finance ..... Jacqueline Hancock
Reporter ..... Barbara Heap
Degrees ..... Sharon Peterson
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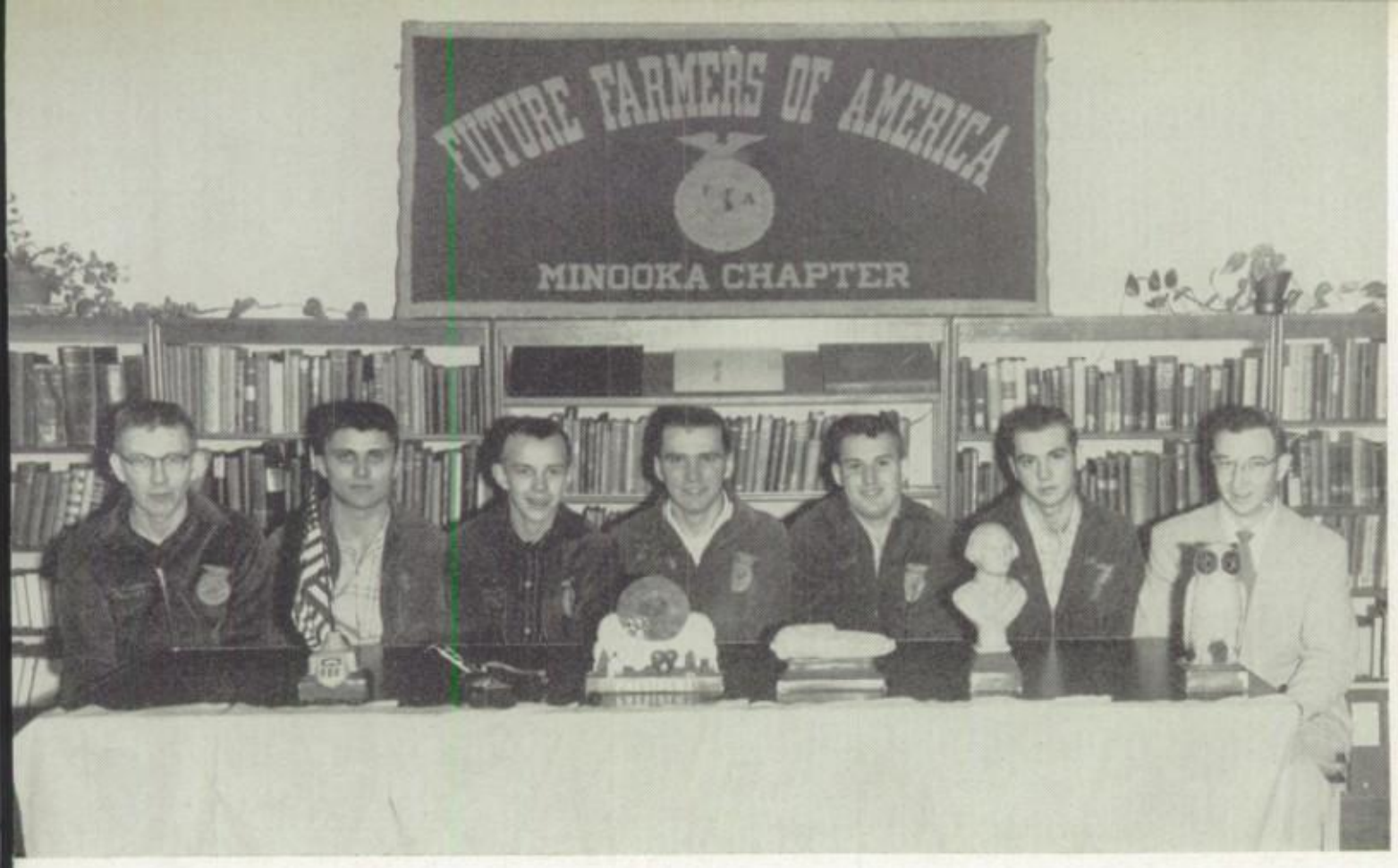
Welfare and Service ..... Joyce Greenbeck
Song Leader ..... Beverly Todd
Publicity ..... Virginia Wallin
Advisor ..... Mrs. Ricketts
Chapter Mother ..... Mrs. Dorick



Left to right:
Glenn Sing,
John Findlay,
Alden Erickson,
Joseph Schuck,
Merle Brust,
Leonard Olson,
Mr. White, Advisor.

Future Farmers of America

This year the Minooka Chapter of F.F.A. has been very active with its money-raising projects—drives, contests and activities. This year we sent Joe Schuck and John Duvall to the State Convention.

Joe Schuck entered the extemporaneous Speaking Contest at Earlville and placed second. John Findlay entered the speaking contest at Seneca.

About sixty per cent of our members showed at the Section 8 Fair at Ottawa.

This year for raising money we sold garden seeds and magazines. We also sponsored a Donkey Basketball game along with the M-DI-AN Staff.

On April 30, 1957, we held our annual Parent and Son Banquet. It was held in the gym and we served a family style chicken dinner to all present. For entertainment the Girls' Sextet sang and best of all the "Ag Room 6" sang a medley of popular songs.

Our field trip this year was a trip to Honeggers' Feed Mill at Fairbury, Illinois.

Second Row:
Jim Davidson,
James Anderson,
Ernest Pehlke,
Bob Brust,
Jim Hadaway,
Laverne Peterson,
Charles Lade,
John Baltz.

First Row:
John Findlay,
Alden Erickson,
Merle Brust,
Joseph Schuck,
Leonard Olson,
Glenn Sing,
Mr. White, Advisor.

Margaret Vaksdal,
Phyllis Baker,
Laverne Spencer,
Jackie Hancock,
Ralph Ditch,
Karen Brown,
Karen Nichols,
Linda Frederick.

Peace Pipe Chatter

With the help of our advisor, Miss Manfred, the office practice class has published once a month the PEACE PIPE CHATTER.

The newspaper was sent to different schools and to individuals of the community. A copy was given free to each family in school and the faculty members.

The paper published all school news. Some of the items of interest to the students and community were: honor roll, record of perfect attendance, calendar of events to take place in the future month, and the social chatter about school.

Karen Brown acted as editor of the paper and the other members of the class took turns reporting and writing the articles about various activities.

We looked forward to receiving the PEACE PIPE CHATTER each month.

Beverly Cook,
Betty Forbes,
Joyce Greenbeck,
Villa Williams,
Marilyn Bretsch,
Sharon Peterson.

Girls' Sextet

The Girls' Sextet was newly organized this year. This group proved to be very popular, entertaining for many meetings of local organizations. Throughout the year their repertoire has increased to include a wide variety of music. They have sung on more than fifteen occasions for Homecoming, Lions Club, Woman's Club, Channahon PTO, FHA, FFA and many other banquets. This has been an outstanding vocal group.

Left to right: Karen Brown, Beverly Todd, Margaret Vaksdal, Leona Pehlke, Lois Severson, Karen Nichols.

Accompanist: Barbara Heap.

Girls' Chorus

Choral singing has been described frequently as expressing a mood, gay, happy, sad, or somber. Such freedom of expression, however, is effective only after the techniques of good singing are diligently practiced and improved. Our girls' chorus has improved in all respects since last fall, and the girls are to be commended for the fine work they are doing.

They have participated in two concerts this year and were heard over WJOL during the Christmas season. The final performance of the year was for Commencement.

At Oak Lawn, I.H.S.A. district competition, the chorus received a Superior rating for the first time in eight years. This group shows much ability and promise for next year.

Back Row, Left to right: Mildred Urquiola, Karen Brown, Margaret Vaksdal, Joyce Greenbeck, Villa Williams, Maxine Todd, Linda Hauger, Leona Pehlke, Kathi Anderson, Linda Frederick, Betty Morris, Beverly Todd.

Middle Row: Jackie Hancock, Barbara Binkele, Charlene Heap, Joanne Patten, Virginia Wallin, Sandy Horton, Linda Findlay, Peggy McCoy, Lois Severson, Karen Nichols, Bonnie Anderson.

Bottom Row: Margaret Good, Joyce Murley, Lydia Fox, Harriette Henry, Carol Link, Pat Potasky, Dorothy Hutchinson, Tonya Weers, Mary Lundstrom, Barbara Heap, Accompanist, Mr. Peichl, Director.

High School Band

Minooka can be proud of its band. It has earned an important place in our school life thru outstanding performances. During the the past year, the band has played three concerts in Minooka, an exchange concert in Mazon, a concert for the Grundy County Teachers Institute in Morris. Besides playing for basketball games, the band took part in several parades, including homecoming at Minooka, Morris and Plainfield and three parades in Joliet.

Oak Lawn was the scene for district I.H.S.A. competition this year. Minooka for the first time, competed in class C and was the only class C band entered to take a Superior rating. Of nine solos and ensembles entered, five received Superior ratings. At the state final contest held at Rock Island, the Clarinet Duet (Barbara Binkele and Joan Knudson) and the Brass Quintet (Virginia Wallin, Jackie McCoy, Mary Lundstrom, Larry Dwyer, and Lydia Fox) earned Superior ratings. The band received a Superior in Concert and Good in Sight-reading for a final grade of Excellent.

Barbara Binkele represented the band at the Illinois All State High School Band held in Springfield in February.

Grade School Band

The Grade School Band, now in its second year, has improved considerably since its beginning in December, 1955. Much valuable experience is gained for these students who will eventually become members of the High School Band. Besides winning a Superior rating at the district grade school band contest, the Grade School Band played at the Christmas and Spring Concerts and performed for the Channahon Grade School. Eighteen of our thirty soloists and ensembles won Superior ratings at the district contest and, of these, ten went on to take top honors at the state contest held at Toulon.

Beginning Band

The Beginning Band, made up of 23 4th and 5th graders, is the foundation of the instrumental music program. Many skills are required of a successful bandsman. The fundamentals of good musicianship are begun in this organization so that each member can advance to the Grade School Band.

Tonya Weers, Larry Peterson, Willie Spencer, Barbara Heap, Lois Severson, John Findlay, Helen Brust, John Stegman. Advisors, Miss Kasak and Mr. Peichl

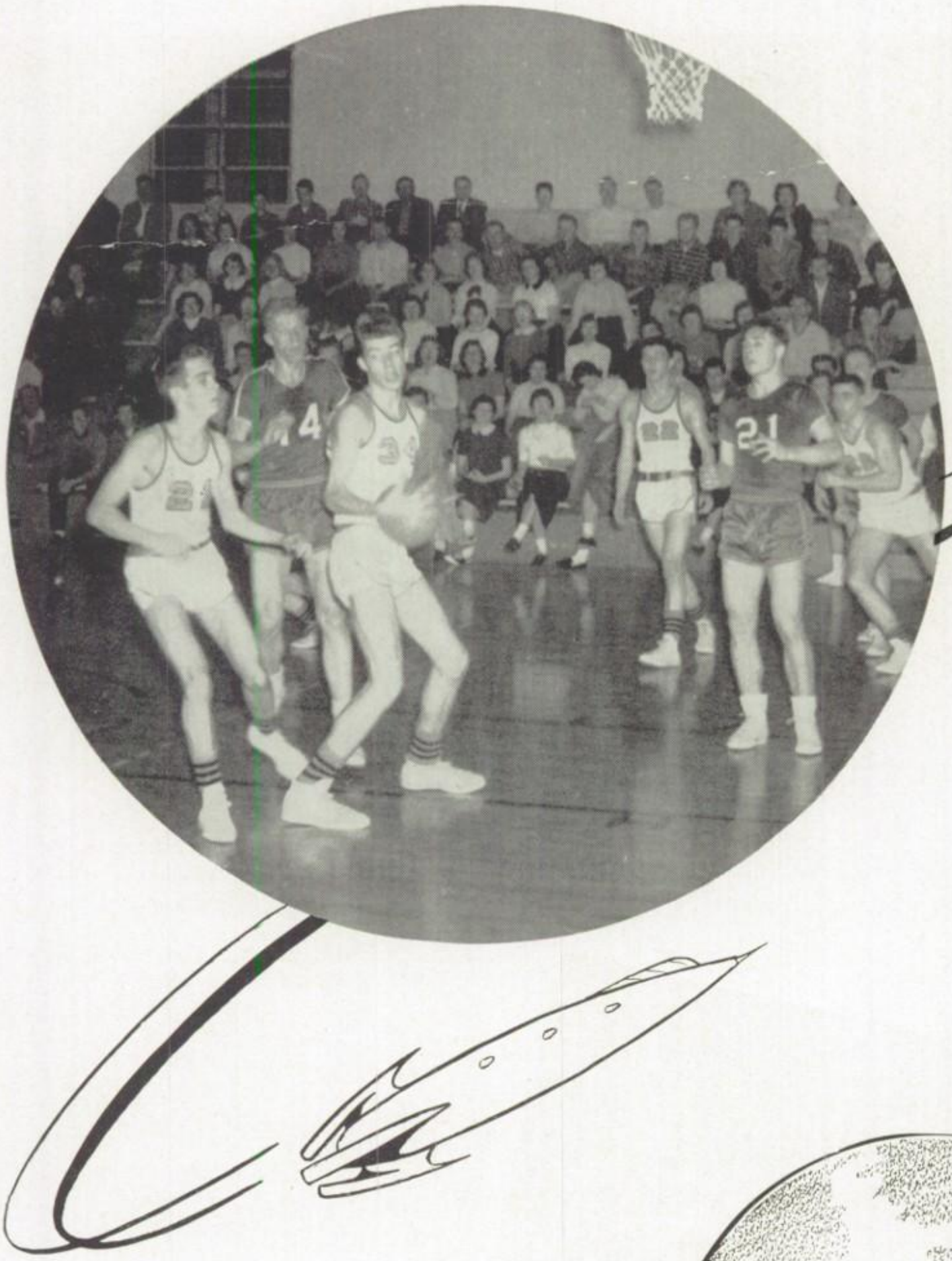
Student Council

"To give the student body an appreciation of the workings of democracy, to foster higher ideals in the school, and to bring a better co-operation between the faculty and the pupils" . . . this is the aim of the Student Council as it is stated in the Constitution which was drawn up by the members of the Student Council this year.

In an effort to represent the students and to create within the student body a greater interest in school and school activities, the Student Council has sponsored a variety of activities this year. Some of the assemblies arranged by the Student Council were: a demonstration on safe driving, the movie "Macbeth," a combined choral and band concert given by the Mazon High School, and talks by representatives of industry and medical professions.

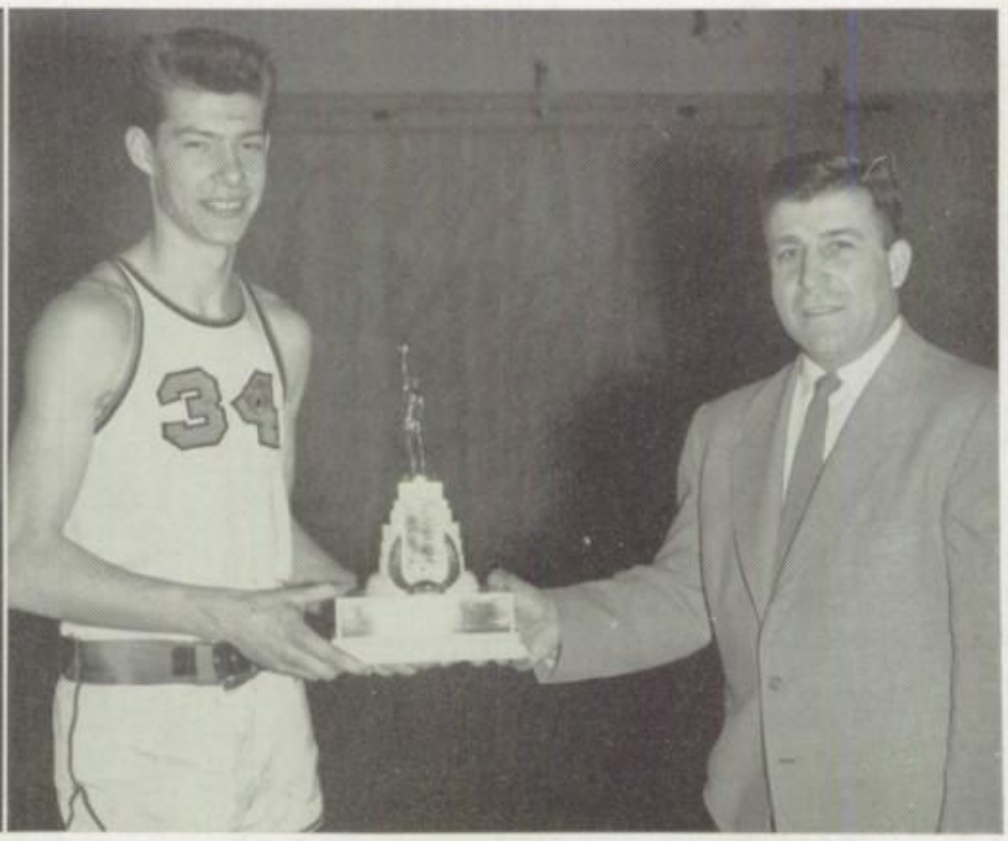
Two members of the Council, Lois Severson and Barbara Heap, represented Minooka High School at the Illinois Association of Student Council Convention held in Chicago on April 26 and 27.

Discussing, planning and carrying out these activities involved a great deal of initiative and responsibility on the part of Council members. Acting as a liaison between students and faculty, the Council members have shown qualities of leadership and loyalty which have made their year very successful.



ATHLETICS

Tom Murley and Mr. Dorick



Dennis Wilhelmi and Mr. Dorick

Memorial Trophies

Each year a trophy is awarded to the player on the Varsity and Junior Varsity squads who makes the greatest percentage of his free throw attempts.

This year the Wayne Thompson Memorial Trophy went to Tom Murley of the Varsity squad. Tom made a fine 73 per cent of his free throw attempts.

Dennis Wilhelmi of the Junior Varsity squad won the Robert Rushton Memorial Trophy by making a terrific 81 per cent from the free throw line.

Barbara Heap, Beverly Cook, Tonya Weers.
Kathi Anderson.

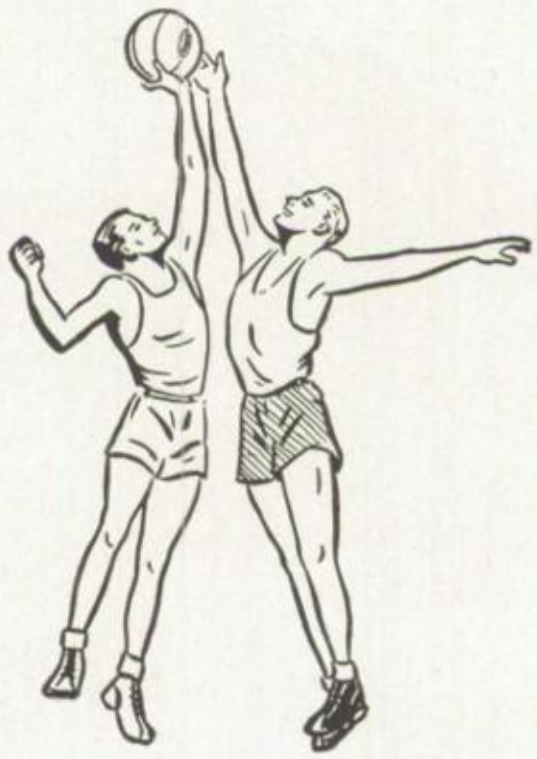
Cheerleaders

Basketball

The year 1956-57 showed another successful season for our Indians, who wound up with a season's record of 15 won and 9 lost. Our boys started the season good with 4 wins and 2 losses. Then they lost a heartbreaker to Wilmington in the last seconds of the game after having held a 5 point lead with 30 seconds remaining. This defeat hurt the morale of our Indians, and they didn't seem to recover until the Oswego game, after which they proceeded to win 9 out of their last 11 games.

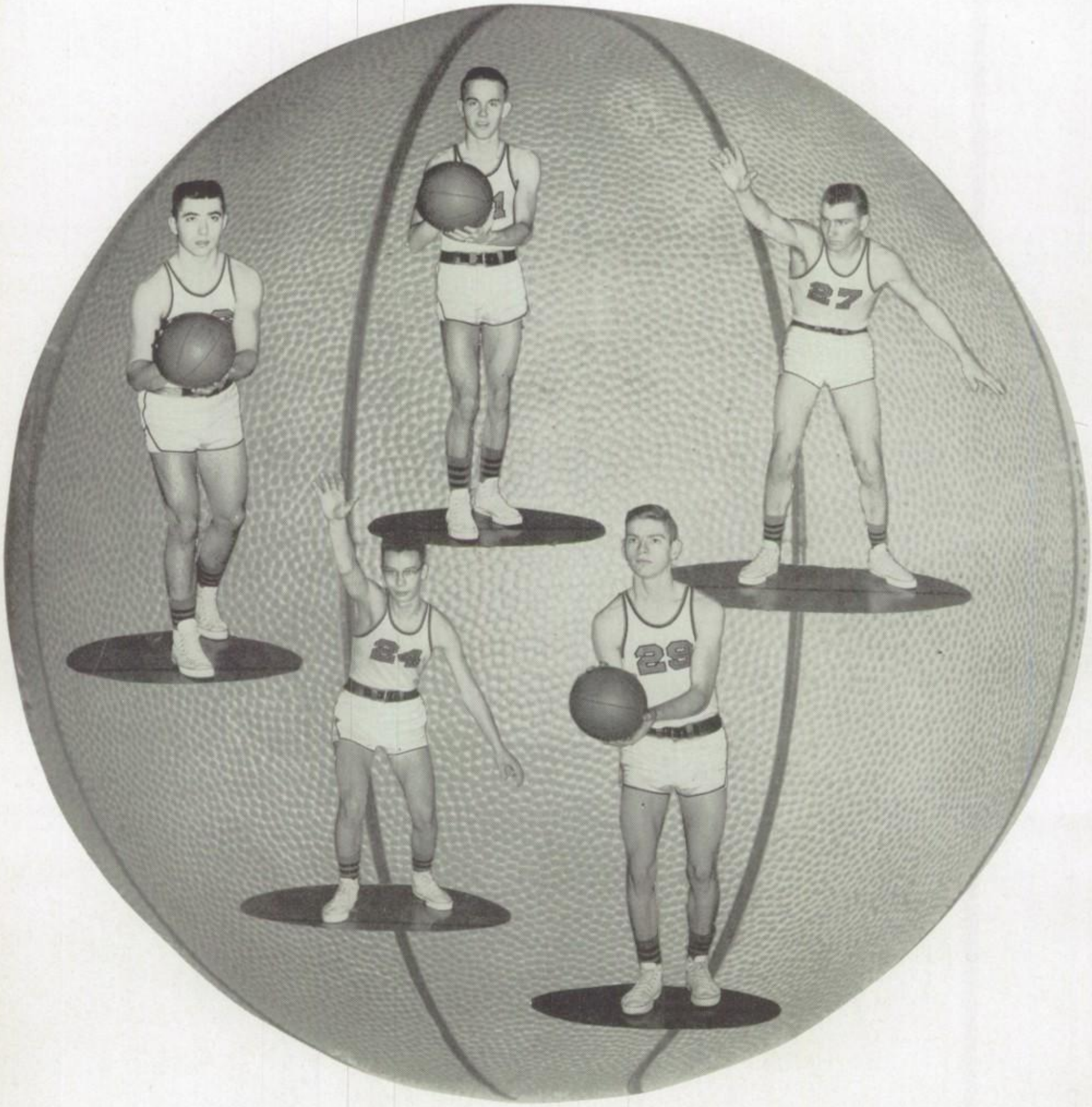
The Indians captured second place in the Mazon Holiday Tournament and second place in the Fox Valley Conference. They lost to Plainfield in the opening round of the Fox Valley Tournament. Probably the highlight of the season for the team was their thrilling win over an inspired Newark team by a score of 85 to 83 in an overtime. This was the last home game of the basketball careers of Ron Dirst, John Stegman, Tom Murley, Leonard Peterson, Joe Schuck, and Merle Brust.

The Wayne Thompson Memorial Trophy was awarded to Tom Murley who had a seventy-three per cent average. Dennis Wilhelmi made eighty-one per cent of his free throws to win the Robert Rushton Memorial Trophy for the Junior Varsity. This year the school awarded a Most Valuable Player award along with the Sportsmanship award. Tom Murley was chosen by his teammates and Mr. Dorick for both of these awards.

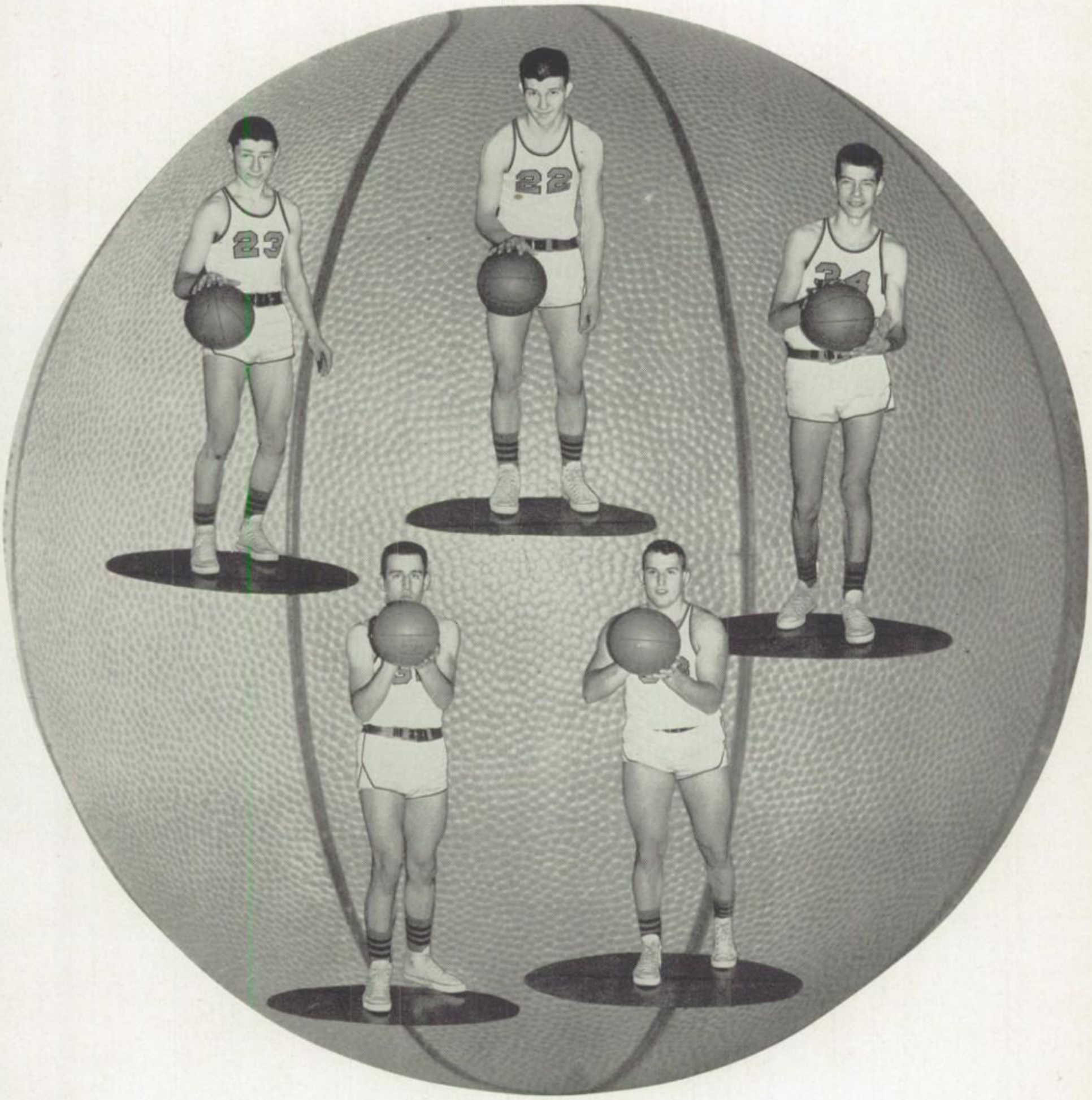


First Row, Left to right: Ron Dirst, Jim Winkler, Dennis Wilhelmi, Joe Schuck, John Stegman.
Standing: Coach Dave Dorick, Art Hutchinson, Tom Murley, Merle Brust, Leonard Peterson, Larry Todd, Glenn Sing, Manager.

Hoop Bound Cagers



From Top, left to right: Leonard Peterson, Forward; Tom Murley, Guard; Art Hutchinson, Forward; John Stegman, Forward; Joe Schuck, Center.



From Top, left to right: Ron Dirst, Forward; Larry Todd, Guard; Jim Winkler, Forward; Merle Brust, Forward; Dennis Wilhelmi, Center.

Season's Scores

Minooka 50	Serena 72
Minooka 47	Coal City 47
Minooka 58	Oswego 48
Minooka 58	Woodland 57
Minooka 49	Yorkville 47
Minooka 68	Wilmington 69
Minooka 42	Plainfield 77
Minooka 54	Gardner 61
Minooka 53	Newark 43
Minooka 50	Oswego 59
Minooka 66	Lemont 57
Minooka 62	Yorkville 60
Minooka 44	Plainfield 53
Minooka 79	Carl Sandburg 70
Minooka 65	St. Paul 61
Minooka 65	St. Procopius 76
Minooka 80	Plano 63
Minooka 85	Newark 83

Junior Varsity

Front Row, left to right: Jack Phillips, Bob Chernisky, Jim Davidson, John Findlay, Steve Hauger, Jim Rushing.

Second Row: Coach Dave Dorick, Charles Lade, Jim Hadaway, Larry Peterson, Art Hutchinson, John Baltz, Jim Herrington, Glenn Sing, Manager.

Season's Scores

Minooka 40	Serena 44
Minooka 28	Coal City 45
Minooka 30	Lemont 20
Minooka 39	Oswego 40
Minooka 48	Woodland 66
Minooka 42	Yorkville 56
Minooka 46	Wilmington 55
Minooka 27	Plainfield 54
Minooka 42	Gardner 38
Minooka 25	Newark 46
Minooka 49	Oswego 63
Minooka 41	Lemont 43
Minooka 56	Yorkville 70
Minooka 36	Plainfield 57
Minooka 41	Carl Sandburg 58
Minooka 35	St. Paul 57
Minooka 39	St. Procopius 46
Minooka 46	Plano 80
Minooka 40	Newark 34

Baseball

The Minooka Indians' baseball record for the 1957 season stands at two victories and four defeats. Our conference record is two wins and three losses.

In conference play, the Indians split two games with Yorkville, losing the first game 11 to 1, but won the second game by a 6 to 5 score. Two games were dropped to Plainfield by 12 to 2 and 8 to 7 final scores. The other victory came at the hands of Oswego, 5 to 4. In the District Tournament Minooka was defeated by Morris 11 to 6.

Four seniors who will be lost upon graduation are Ron Dirst, Tom Murley, Leonard Peterson, and John Stegman. These players will be sorely missed and hard to replace in the future.

First Row, left to right: Joe Schuck, Tom Murley, Ron Dirst, John Findlay, John Stegman, Leonard Peterson, Merle Brust, Jim Winkler.

Second Row: John Baltz, Jim Herringer, Steve Hauger, Larry Peterson, Glenn Sing, Bob Chernisky, Art Hutchinson, Larry Todd, Coach Dave Dorick.

Top Row, left to right: Anita Santorineos, Linda Hauger, Maxine Todd, Joyce Murley, Barbara Heap, Sandy Horton, Kathi Anderson, Connie Greenwood, Betty Morris, Mary Lindstrom.

Middle Row: Rosemary Swiggert, Marilyn Malone, Marge Knudson, Darlene Anderson, Doris Childress, Linda Findlay, Carol Link, Harriette Henry, Beverly Todd, Lois Severson.

First Row: Barbara Binkele, Joanne Patten, Charlene Heap, Pat Anderson, Peggy McCoy, Virginia Wallin, Vada Knudson, Leona Pehlke, Margaret Good, Mrs. Ricketts, Instructor.

Top Row, left to right: Mrs. Ricketts, Instructor, Marilyn Bretsch, Villa Williams, Ruth Montgomery, Jackie Hancock, Joan Knudson, Margaret Vaksdal, Helen Brust, Joyce Greenbeck, Jeanen Bohnstengel, Barbara Rushing, Mildred Urquiola.

Middle Row: Martha Lawson, Charlene Hextell, Kay Holbrook, Lydia Fox, Sheila Conroy, Sheila Shearer, Helene Norton, Sharon Avery, Betty Forbes, Linda Frederick, Laverne Spencer, Karen Hagmayer.

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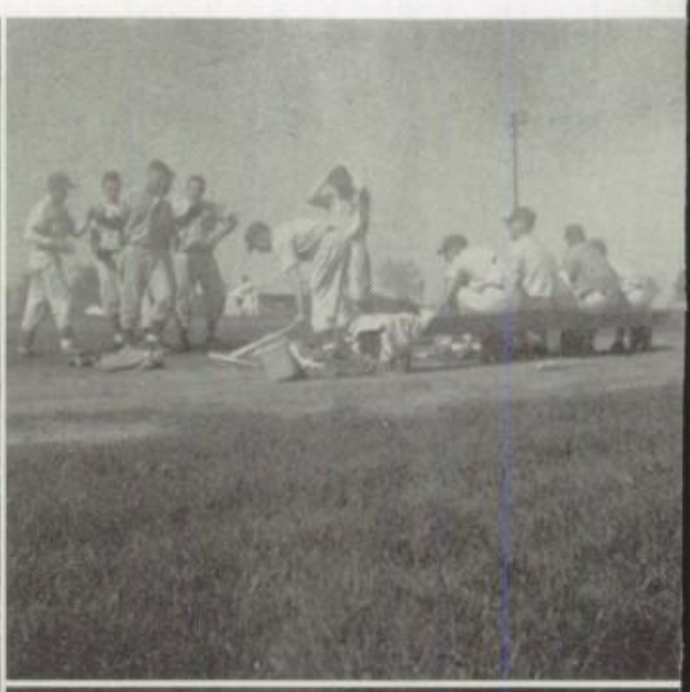
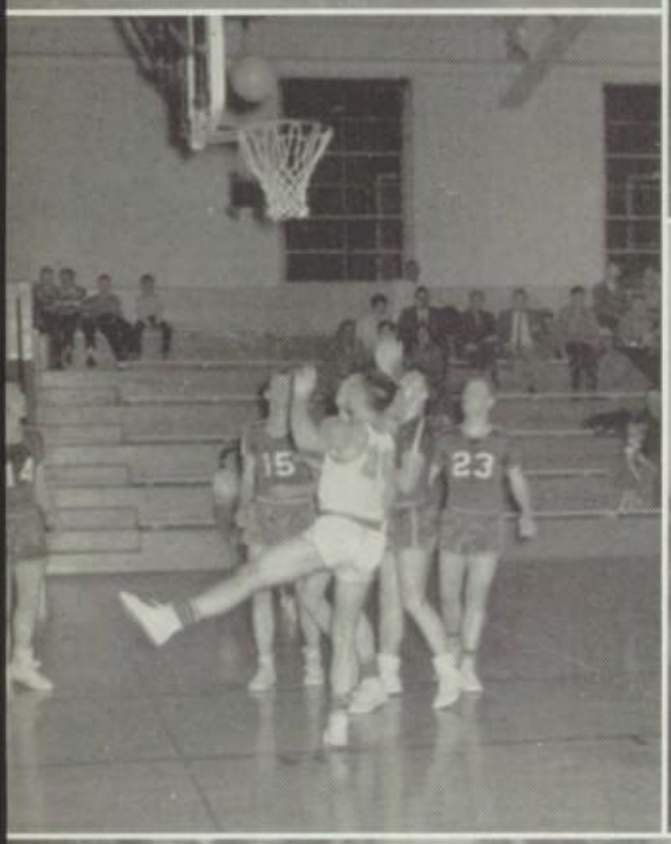
Girls' Physical Education





ELEMENTARY

Eighth Grade

BARBARA BEASLEY
CAROL BLAIR
ROSEMARY BREEN
BERYL CHURCHILL
LYNDA CONNOR

JOSEPH COYNE
STEPHEN DAVIS
CYNDRA DAY
RUSSELL DELONG
RICHARD DIRST

DARLENE DOTY
THOMAS FLEMING
WARREN GALLINGER
WANDA GOOD
LARRY HINCHLIFFE

BRUCE KNUDSON
JOYCE LUNDSTROM
JOSEPH OLSEN
BETTY PETERSON
BONNIE PETERSON

ROBERT PHILLIPS
JOHN SANTORINEOS
DONALD SCHIMMEL
CARLA SHEARER
ELIZABETH SINGER

LEON STEFFES
RICHARD TODD
JUDITH WHITE
SHARON WINKLER
GEORGE WINTERBOTTOM
MRS. RUSHTON

Eighth Grade

This year the eighth grade did not have departmentalization. On alternate days we had music and physical education.

We participated in the Halloween party and turkey raffle for the M-DI-AN. We also sponsored a skating party. Ten eighth grade boys played basketball for our grade school team.

On May 10, the eighth grade entertained the eighth graders from other schools who plan to attend Minooka next fall. We also took a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. The Room Mothers helped with all of our activities during the year.

Seventh Grade

JAMES ATTEBERY
JUDITH BOHNSTENGEL
JAMES BREEN
FRANCINE CAMPBELL
RICHARD CLARK

RICHARD COYNE
EDWIN DAY
CHANDRA DORICK
CHARITY DORRE
LAWRENCE DWYER

KEITH FLATNESS
THOMAS GEISTLER
CHARLENE HANCOCK
WALTER HEAP
LINDA LINK

KAY MOORE
FREDERIC OFFERMAN
JAMES SHEARER
FRED SINGER
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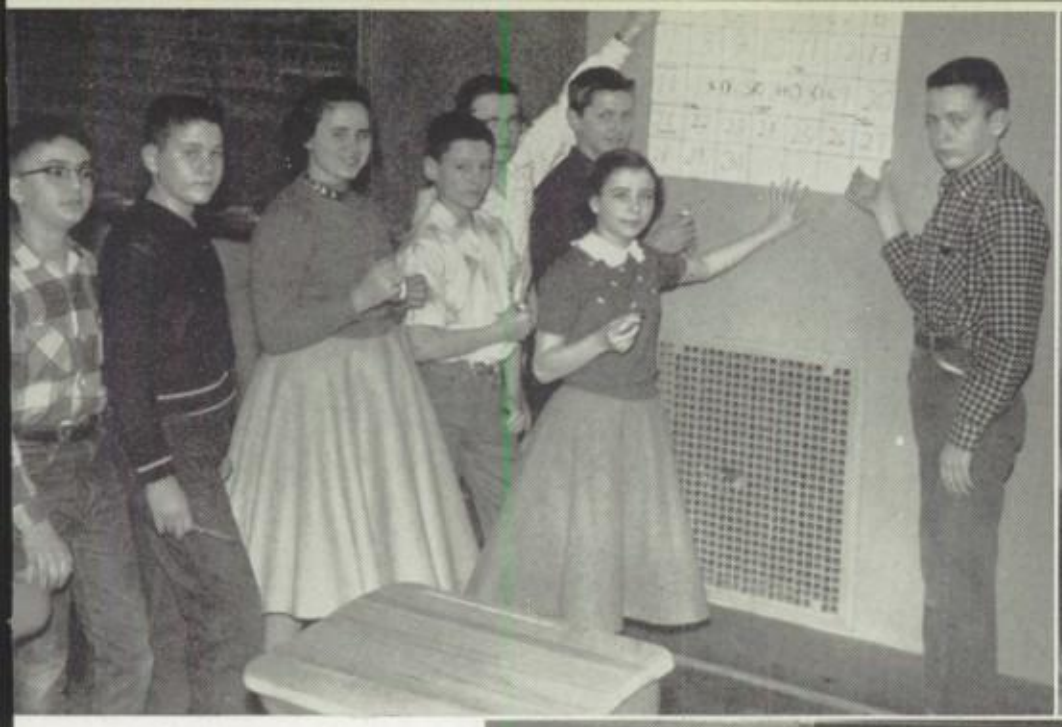
MARIE TALKINGTON
JANET VAKSDAL
RONNIE WILLIAMSON
MR. PALMER



Seventh Grade

As the seventh chapter in our book of education begins on September 4, 1956, twenty-four eager boys and girls are ready to face a new school year and a new teacher.

First we become acquainted, and organize our Citizenship Club to help our class run more smoothly. Our officers for the first semester are Marie Talkington, president; Janet Vaksdal, vice-president; Chandra Dorick, secretary; and Keith Flatness as treasurer. During the second semester our officers include Ric Offerman, president; Thomas Geistler, vice-president, Kay Moore, secretary, and Richard Clark, treasurer.

We enjoyed a Halloween party in our room. Prizes for masks were awarded to Francine Campbell for the funniest mask, to Janet Vaksdal for the best story book character, and to Fred Singer for the most original mask.

It is now November and the seventh grade is putting on a comedy skit, "The Case of the Missing Turkey," under the direction of Kay Moore. Also, we may be seen enjoying our skating party with the eighth grade, and a Christmas party before our Christmas vacation begins.

As we continue to leaf through the pages we find ourselves in the last half of the chapter. We now have a new science course added to our studies.

Our Valentine's Day party is a big event for us. We are exchanging valentines and enjoying games and contests in our room, decorated for the event.

As we come to the last pages we are looking forward to our summer vacation and wondering what to expect in the next chapter of our book.

Sixth Grade

After three months of vacationing in outer space the V-6 Rocket landed in Minooka and unloaded twenty-eight boys and girls who were ready to get down to earth and do some real work in the sixth grade. DeVonna Knudson who had been with us during our first three years of school again joined our class after having attended school in Morris, Illinois, the past two years.

This year for the first time we have had a room mother. Mrs. Donald Blair, Nancy's mother, was our room mother, and she made the plans and appointed mothers to plan and attend the various activities during the year. This we enjoyed very much and it was a great help to our teacher.

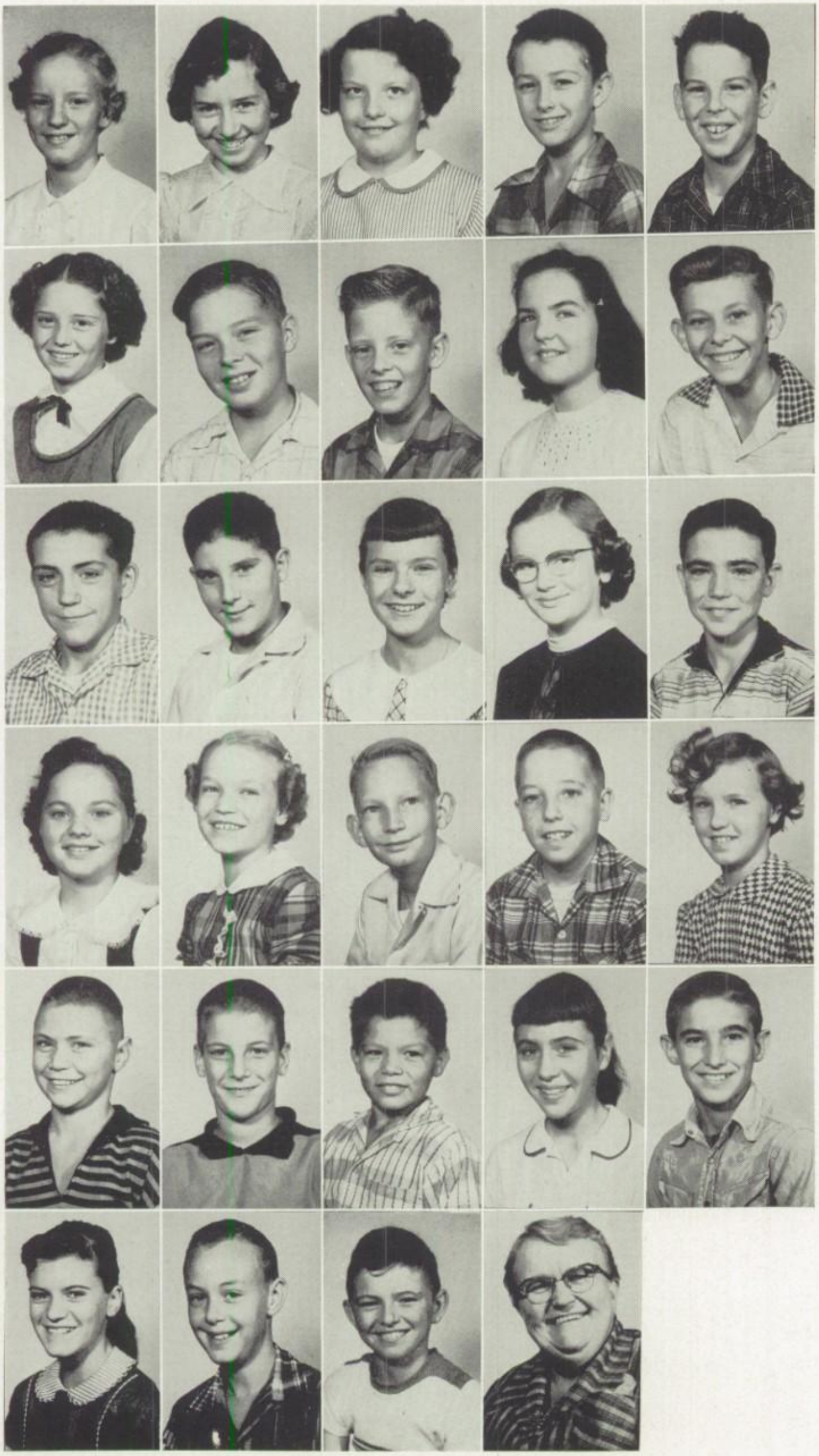
We organized a citizenship club and enjoyed many art activities which included making plaques, murals, baskets, paintings and room decorations.

The sixth grade was represented in the basketball games too.

This year for the first time Geography and History were studied together as social studies. In doing this we learned more about the relationship of the history and geography of the countries and the effects they have upon each other.

Each six weeks we learned a poem and gave a book report.

We have had a very profitable and enjoyable year and are now ready to take off into outer space in the V-7 Rocket which is waiting for us outside the school.



BEVERLY BEASLEY
JANET BLAIR
NANCY BLAIR
JOHN BREEN
GREGORY CONNOR

BARBARA COSTELLO
DONALD DAVIDSON
REX DOTY
KATHLEEN FLEMING
WAYNE GREENBECK

STEVE HADAWAY
JAMES HOLBROOK
JANET KEMP
DEVONNA KNUDSON
LARRY KORELC

DIANA LITTLEFAIR
JACQUELYN McCOY
JON MURLEY
WAYNE PEHLKE
NANCY PHILLIPS

RICHARD PLATT
MITCHELL SANTORINEOS
CHARLES SCHARF
SUSAN STAFFORD
LEROY STEFFES

KATHLEEN THOMPSON
WILLIAM WILHELMI
TOMMIE WILLIAMSON
MISS PETERSON

Fifth Grade

We started the year out with 37 pupils—22 boys and 15 girls—on September 4, 1956. We were happy to be in school and see our friends again. We were glad we were going to have physical education and band this year.

We saw three new faces: Joan Briones from Joliet, Margie Hausler from Aurora, and Robert Mork from Joliet. Sharon Bentson and Allen Olson moved away in about the middle of the year. Jay Varland came from Gooselake Township. About the end of the year Diane Lacey came from Morris.

We elected officers for our Citizenship Club. They were Donnie Williamson, president; Keith Talkington, vice-president; Gary Geistler, secretary; and Billy Castello, treasurer.

At Halloween time, we were judged on masks made out of paper bags. The winners were Peggy Schimmel, prettiest; Donnie Williamson, ugliest; and Danny Roberts, storybook character as "Mr. Money Bags." The prizes were half dollars.

Christmas was a very exciting time. We drew names for gift exchanging. We had a very nice party given by our Room Mothers.

After coming back from vacation we re-elected officers for the second semester. They were Kenny Phillips, president; Donny Roberts, vice-president; Nancy Murley, secretary; Linda Todd, treasurer.

In February we had a nice valentine box and a party given for us by our Room Mothers.

In March we surprised Mrs. Davis on her birthday by giving her a party.

EDWARD ANDERSON
FRANKLIN ASHLEY
EDWARD BEASLEY
JOAN BRIONES
FRANKIE CAMPBELL
WILLIAM CASTELLO

EDWARD CLENNON
MARY COLEMAN
JEANETTE COYNE
FRED DIRST
JOHN DORRE
MELODE FLATNESS

JOHN FOX
MICHELLE GANNON
GARY GEISTLER
ROGER HADAWAY
GERALD HAUGE
MARGIE HAUSLER

SHIRLEY LUNDSTROM
ROBERT MORK
NANCY MURLEY
MARK OFFERMAN
ALLEN PEHLKE
GERALDINE PETERSON

KENNETH PHILLIPS
RONALD RIMKE
DOUGLAS ROBBINS
DANIEL ROBERTS
SANDRA SAVANT
KAREN SCHAUBEL

MARGUERITE SCHIMMEL
ELDON SITZES
KEITH TALKINGTON
LINDA TODD
MERRY FAYE TODD
JAY VARLAND

DONNIE WILLIAMSON
MRS. DAVIS

Fourth Grade

Thirty-five pupils were enrolled on September 4 to begin a busy year with a new teacher and new texts. The 1956-57 year was one of many happy surprizes and interesting activities. We were twice winner of the $5 Attendance Prize given by the Music Boosters. With the money, we purchased an aquarium, a shell exhibit, and a book on baseball. In the annual turkey raffle which helps to defray expenses on the year-book, our class ranked first with the highest amount. Ralph Gabrielson was high salesman in our room selling ten books.

Halloween arrived with mask making, our parade, and a party, our first of three room parties.

John Varland joined our class in the middle of the year.

Christmas season arrived with preparations for the operetta, "The King's Christmas Carol."

Our Valentine Party, also under the direction of our room mothers, was fun. Later, a trip to the Museum of Science and Industry, where we explored a German submarine and a coal mine, was a thrilling day's experience.

We look forward to a pleasant vacation and a rest from our studies.

JOSEPH ATTEBERY
JAYNE BESHOAR
KATHLEEN BOLS
ROBERT BOLS
DAVID BROWN
JOSEPH BURBY

JULIE BYRNE
JUDITH CLARK
JAMES CLENNON
TERRY COLEY
GERALD DAVIDSON
ALAN DORICK

NORMAN DUVALL
LORRAINE DWYER
SUSAN EVERTON
DALE FATLAN
DANIEL FRIANT
RALPH GABRIELSON

KAREN HALL
RONALD HARGIS
ROBERT HEAP
CAROLYN HUGHES
PHYLLIS ISAACS
DAVID KEYT

DONALD PHILLIPS
CARMEN SCHARF
DONNA SEVERSON
RONALD SEVERSON
RALPH SIRON
DOUGLAS SITZES

PHILLIS STAFFORD
KEITH STEFFES
RAYMOND STILES
MARK TEIPEL
MARSHA THOMAS
JOHN VARLAND

MRS. GILBERT

Third Grade

The main task this year was to work hard and learn enough to become fourth graders. Learning to work quickly, carefully, and quietly on our own was real work for us. That has been our goal. We feel content with the results.

On the side we had our usual Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine parties with the mothers on the committees. We enjoyed them very much. We showed the Music Boosters how much fun we can have from music. The birthday treats and usual good times have helped make this a happy year.

RAYMOND BREEN
JUDITH CASTELLO
RICHARD DAVIDSON
GEORGE DOTY
DARALD EVANS

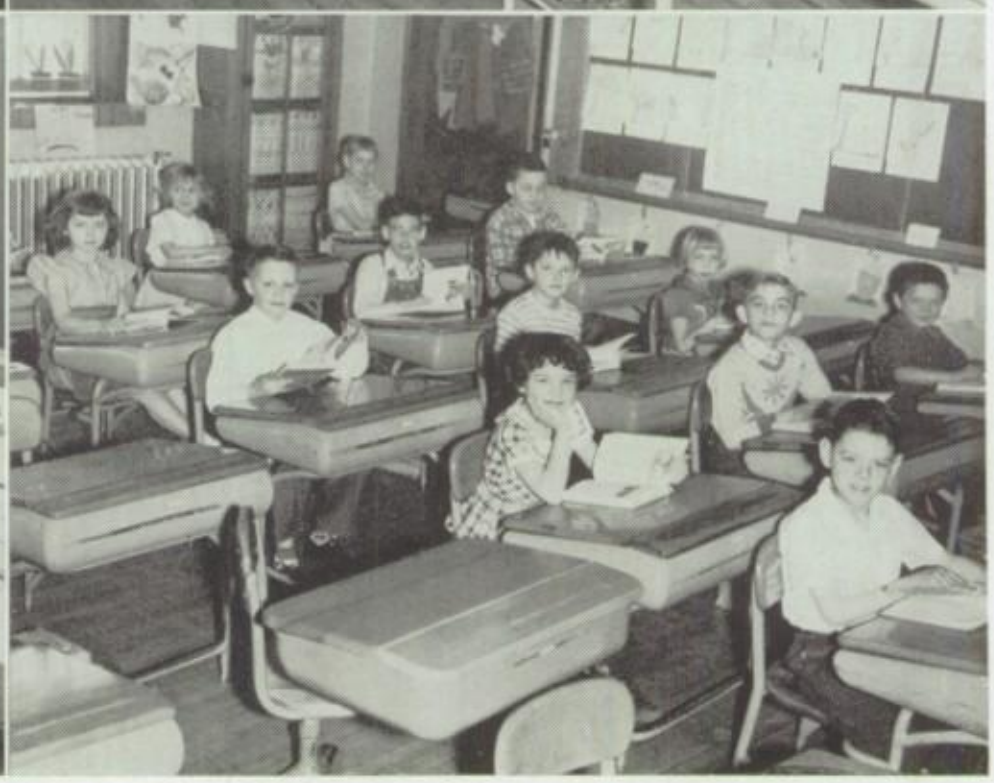
ALEXANDER FERNANDEZ
CONNIE FLATNESS
JAMES GOOD
KAREN HANCOCK
MARILYN HARGIS

JOAN KETTELSON
ROGER KEYT
ORPHA KNUDSON
BONNIE LINK
DONNA McCOY

PAULA PHILLIPS
LARRY PLATT
RONALD RIMKE
STEVEN ROBBINS
WESLEY SARGENT

REBECCA SHEARER
ROBERT SHEARER
AGATHA SIRON
DAVID STILES
STEVEN THORSEN

PAMELA TODD
PENNY TODD
JEAN WILDEY
KENNETH WILHELMI
MRS. MANTHEI



Second Grade

Our second year of school began with thirty-eight boys and girls. There were five new pupils, Jerry and Larry Briones, Norman Marlow, Linda Hausler, and John Phillips. In March, Betty Varland came to our room, and a few weeks later Jacquelyn Davis joined us. Our present enrollment now is eighteen girls and twenty-two boys.

We have worked hard all year, but at times we had fun too.

At Halloween our paper masks were judged. David Taylor's mask was the ugliest. Deloris Peterson had the prettiest mask. Ruth Rushton's mask was the best Story Book Character.

It was interesting to see Miss Olson's first grade Doll and Toy Show. Mrs. Manthei also invited us to hear her third grade operetta, the Ugly Duckling.

Many new library books were added to our room.

Gym classes are always an enjoyable part of our school year.

Mrs. Ruth Thorsen was our Room Mother. She planned and appointed committees to carry on the various activities of the year. To her and all those who helped us in any way, we are very grateful.

MICHAEL BESHOAR
BECKY BOLS
JERRY BRIONES
LARRY BRIONES
DAVID BUDDE
PAUL CLENNON

JAMES COLEMAN
THOMAS DWYER
LEO EVANS
MARY LOU FEENEY
LARRY FLATNESS
ROBERT FRIANT

RONALD HADAWAY
KAY LYNN HALL
DALE HAUGE
LINDA HAUSLER
MICHAEL HOYLAND
DONNIE HUGHES

MARGARET KEELE
WILLIAM KEELE
MICHAEL KORELC
NORMAN MARLOW
DAVID MURLEY
GARY OLSEN

DELORIS PETERSON
DIANA PETERSON
DIANE PHILLIPS
JOHN PHILLIPS
CATHERINE ROBERTS
RUTH RUSHTON

THERESE SINGER
NANCY SKAGGS
JOHN STILES
DAVID TAYLOR
SHARON THORSEN
CYNTHIA TODD

PATRICIA WALLIN
MARY RUTH WIRTH
BETTY VARLAND
MRS. TALBOT

First Grade

We entered upon our new adventure called "school" with 34 pupils enrolled. Fear, joy, anticipation, and excitement ran high. We later learned we could enjoy both work and play.

Several enjoyable parties were planned for us by our mothers—Halloween with our costumes, Christmas with tree and exchange of gifts, Valentine's Day with pretty boxes and valentines for all, field trip and school picnic.

We invited the second grade to our doll and toy show and along with them gave a patriotic program in song and flag drill in the gym to the entire school.

We learned to read stories about Dick, Jane and Sally as well as numbers and science stories.

Now we are looking forward to vacation time and more fun.

BONNIE BEASLEY
RUTH BREEN
DIANA BRIONES
DONALD BROWN
RICHARD BYRNE

DIANA CASTELLO
WALTER CONTRACIERI
GAYLE COSTELLO
HELEN COYNE
NANCY DOTY

GLENN EVANS
ROBERT EVERTON
KENNETH FATLAN
JANICE FRIANT
CYNTHIA GEORGE

CONNIE JO HALL
JUDITH HAMRIC
MARK HOYLAND
JERRY ISAACS
LOUIS KEELE

VALERIE OFFERMAN
BARBARA PLUT
WILLIAM SCHAUBEL
ALBERT SINGER
PEGGY SIRON

CARLA SMITH
JOY STEFFES
RONALD STILES
BRUCE TEIPEL
BARBARA WILDEY

DOUGLAS WILHELMI
MISS OLSON

Grade School Basketball

The aim of the efforts of the Grade School Basketball players was to make a better basketball player for the future. Throughout the season in most practice sessions, a special emphasis was placed on dribbling, passing, and shooting.

Practice sessions were held after school four nights a week. Except for several practice games, all games were played at night. Very seldom was more than one game a week played.

This year both grade school teams—lightweights and heavyweights—were entered in the Coal Valley Conference. Both teams participated in the Conference's tournaments. In the later part of the year, a combined lightweight - heavyweight squad travelled to a tournament in Harding. The team brought home the second place trophy.

Darlene Doty, Marie Talkington, Chandra Dorick, Barbara Beasley

Safety Patrol

Top Row, left to right: Warren Gallinger, Linda Link, Judy Bohnstengel, Kay Moore, Francine Campbell.

Middle Row: Stephen Davis, Keith Flatness, Joe Coyne, Thomas Geistler, Rex Siron.

Front Row: David Stafford, Dick Coyne, Janet Vaksdal.

Citizenship Clubs

Top Row, left to right: George Winterbottom, Joseph Olsen, Kay Moore, Ric Offerman, Thomas Geistler, Beryl Churchill, Donald Davidson.

Middle Row: Dick Coyne, Dick Clark, Cyndra Day, Diana Littlefair, Jacqueline McCoy, Steven Hadaway.

Front Row: Kenneth Phillips, Douglas Robbins, Linda Todd, Nancy Murley, Donna Severson, Ralph Siron, Julia Byrne, Alan Dorick.

Grade School Graduation

Morris

Allan Furniture Store, 112 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois
Baum's Department Store, 221 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
I. N. R. Beatty Lumber Company, 824 Liberty Street, Phone 31, Morris, Illinois
Bush Hatchery and Milling Company, Intersection of 6 and 47, Morris, Illinois
Echo Lanes, Open Bowling Daily, Automatic Pin Setters, Morris, Illinois
Farmers Square Deal Grain Company, 829 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
Flying Saucer Restaurant, Routes 6 and 47, Morris, Illinois
Earl O. Fruland, Funeral Home, Morris, Illinois
Gates Inc., Fertilizer Bodies and Material Handling Equipment, Morris, Illinois
Goode Excavating, Tractors, Cranes and Trucks, Route 1, Morris, Illinois
Grundy County Court House Officials, Morris, Illinois
Grundy County National Bank, Morris, Illinois
Ralph Hume Barber Shop, 121 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois
Compliments of the Jewelers Association of Morris, Morris, Illinois
Kelly's Barber Shop, 805 North Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
Kindelspire's Auto Supply, 109-11 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois
Lasser's Furniture Company, "44 Years of Fair Dealing," 112 East Washington Street, Morris, Illinois
Lovel Trucking Company, Routes 6 and 47, Morris, Illinois
Lutzow Insurance Company, Division Street, Morris, Illinois
Earl McComb, McComb Farm Market, 124 West Washington Street, Morris, Illinois
Mills' Drive-In, Route 6 and Lisbon Road, Morris, Illinois
Morocco Coal Mine, Routes 6 and 47, Morris, Illinois
Morris Building and Loan Association, 424 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
Morris Farm Supply Company, Ford Tractors and Dearborn Equipment, 512 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
Morris Implement Company, Minneapolis-Moline Farm Equipment, 1410 Division Street, Morris, Illinois
Myrick's Morris Hatchery, 844 West Jackson Street, Morris, Illinois
Narvick Brothers, Ready-Mix, Lumber, Hardware and Contracting, Morris, Illinois
Compliments of Nick's Barber Shop, 405 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
Paramount Skating Rink, Route 6, Morris, Illinois
Prince Drive-In, Routes 6 and 47, Morris, Illinois
Quaker Oats Company, Grains, Feeds, Fertilizers, 911 Lisbon Street, Morris, Illinois
Riz's Food Mart, 323 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
Saratoga Inn, Routes 6 and 47, Philip E. Burgess, Morris, Illinois
Sklut's, 307 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
Sobol Drug Store, 217 Liberty Street, Phone 108, Morris, Illinois
Stephen Lumber and Fuel Company, Inc., 111 East Illinois Avenue, Morris, Illinois
J. M. Thompson Meat Company, 417 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
Harry O. Torrence, 318 Liberty Street, Joliet, Illinois
Uptown Sweet Shop, Marian Nelson, 202 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
Russell A. Varland, School Bus Service, Phone 1386, Morris, Illinois
West Implement Company, Morris, Illinois
M. K. Wix & Sons, 218 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois
Zimmerman Drug Store, William Zimmerman, R.Ph., 218 Liberty Street, Morris, Illinois

Joliet

Anderson's Service Station, U. S. Routes 59 and 52, Northwest Corner, Modern Cabins, Home cooked Lunches, Troy, Illinois
Andy's Texaco Service, Corner of Larkin and Jefferson Streets, Joliet, Illinois
Barretts, Incorporated, 65 North Ottawa Street, Joliet, Illinois
Al Baskin's Men's Wear, Cass and Ottawa Streets, Varsity Shop, Lower Level, Joliet, Illinois
Compliments of the Bohemian Club Brewing Company, Bohemian Club Beer and Van Merritt Beer, Joliet, Illinois
Boston Store, Ottawa and Jefferson Streets, Joliet, Illinois
Bowl-a-Wile, 112 East Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois
Bowl-Era Recreation, 123 East Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois
Candlelight, Fine Foods, 2200 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois
Max Conrad Aviation Company, Joliet Municipal Airport, Joliet, Illinois
Coppotelli's, Radios, Televisions, Records, Service, 24 East Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois
Corn Belt Hatcheries, Incorporated, Joliet, Illinois
Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 251 North Center Street, Joliet, Illinois
Tony D'Amico's, 2119 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois
Hank Fatland's Standard Service, Routes 52 and 59 at Troy, Illinois
The First National Bank of Joliet, Joliet, Illinois
Fitzgerald Furniture Company, 101 Clinton Street, Joliet, Illinois
Harrington Studios, Joliet, Illinois, Jim Stephenson, Proprietor
Henneberry Buick Company, Joliet, Illinois
Hicks-Mattson Agency, Incorporated, 14 East Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois
Compliments of the Hob Nob, Ed and Hazel Kowalski, Troy, Illinois
Honiotes Brothers' Food Mart, 1401 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois
Hotel Louis Joliet, Carl Smith, Manager, Joliet, Illinois
Jahneke Bowling Lanes, 22 Bowling Alleys, 110-116 East Webster Street, Joliet, Illinois
Jay's Gift Shop, West Side Shopping Center, Joliet, Illinois
Joliet Beauty & Barber Supply Company, W. G. Esser, 114 Scott Street, Joliet, Illinois
Joliet Floral Company, 197 North Reed Street, Joliet, Illinois
Joliet Seven-Up Bottling Company, Joliet, Illinois
Ray Kinney Motors, Center and Jefferson Streets, Joliet, Illinois
Labo Florist, Joliet's Oldest Florist, 80 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois
Lucky Auto Seat Covers, 313 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois
Ludden Floors, 355 East Cass Street, Joliet, Illinois
Manor Inn, Fine Foods, U. S. Routes 6 and 66 at Overpass, Joliet, Illinois
Manor Service Station, Routes 6 and 66, Phone Channahon 2193, Edward Pilar, Joliet, Illinois
Manor Motel, Routes 6 and 66, Joliet, Illinois
Mattei Music Shop, 21 East Clinton Street, Joliet, Illinois
McGrath Office Equipment, 25 East Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois
Mode, Joliet's Favorite Theatre, 18 West Van Buren Street, Phone 6-6044, Joliet, Illinois
Munroe Hatchery, 425 North Chicago Street, Phone 7-9288, Joliet, Illinois
Neisner Brothers, 123 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois
Neumode Hosiery, 33 West Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois
Peter Piper Grill, 59 North Ottawa Street, Phone 3-6024, Operator: Al Malcolm, Joliet, Illinois
Peterson Printing Craftsmen, Inc., Printers of M-DI-AN, 458 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois
Rendels, Rebuilders of Auto Wrecks, 129 East Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois
Seltzer Drug Store, West Side Shopping Center, West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois
Sonntag Funeral Home, Joliet, Illinois
Spencer's Jewelry, 711 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois

Compliments of Squick Laboratories, 558 North Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois

Treasure Island Drugs, Francis C. Moss, R.Ph., U. S. 6 and 66, R. D. 3, Phone Channahon 2711, Joliet, Illinois

Treloar Truck and Car Rental Company, Rentals and Leases by day, week, month, or year. Route 52, Joliet Airport, Joliet, Illinois

Termunde and Holm, Your John Deere Dealer, 296 Larkin Avenue, Joliet, Illinois

Troy Grocers, "Finest in Meats," Routes 52 and 59 at Troy Illinois

Union National Bank & Trust Company of Joliet, Joliet, Illinois

Walt's Hobby Shop, 60 North Joliet Street, Joliet, Illinois

Weber's Rich Grade A Milk, "Best By Test," Joliet, Illinois

West Side Bakery, West Side Shopping Center, Joliet, Illinois

Miscellaneous

Compliments of the Minooka Foundry, Minooka, Illinois

Ray Rub's Grocery Store, Restaurant and Service Station, Route 52 at Minooka Road, Minooka, Illinois

Van Asdlen Texaco Service Station, Minooka, Illinois

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